

## Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude:** Elaine Hagen

**Ringling of the Church Bell/Welcome**

**Read Vision Statement**

*God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.*

**Call to Worship** (John 3:16)

L: God so loved the world,

**P: that God gave the only Son.**

L: So that everyone who believes in God,

**P: may not perish but may have eternal life.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive His glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn #634**                    *“To God Be the Glory”*

**\*Call to Confession**

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we confess that we have failed to respond fully to Your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, You have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve You. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sins bind us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to You and to all people God of mercy, forgive all our sins and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**\*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Response Hymn #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

*1* Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose life has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*2* World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**\*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

### Proclaim God's Word

**Moment for Children:** Adrienne Danielson

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Reading:** Exodus 24:12-18

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Sermon**

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**\*Hymn #215**                    *“What Wondrous Love is This”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (John 3:16-18 from The Message)

*“This is how much God loved the world: God gave the Son, the one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in God, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending the Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. God came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in God is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust God has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. Why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.”*

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

### Give Thanks to God

**God's Tithes and Your Offering Received**

**Offertory:** Elaine Hagen

**\*Responsive Hymn #647 “Give Thanks”**

*1* Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

*2* And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

We give You thanks, O God, for You have transformed us from individuals into the body of Christ. Make us strong for Your service that we may be messengers of Your reconciling love for all people. Amen.

**Anthem**  
**Holy Communion**

*“If We Truly Believe”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Benediction**  
**\*Postlude:** Elaine Hagen  
**\*Please stand in body or spirit.**

**Special Offering:** We will have a special offering during worship today for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Congratulations** ~ Congratulations Dan, Maria & girls... Ellie Janet Alexander was born on Monday, February 27. Congratulations Alexanders!

**Rummage Sale** ~ Mark your calendars and start cleaning your closets. The church is having a **rummage sale May 18-20!!!** More details to come.

**Bible Study** ~ We have two weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (1 Samuel) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (Luke).

**Weekend Food Bags** ~ We are seeking donations of snacks and treats for the Weekend Food Bags! Pre-packaged items like; Ramen noodles, rice crispy bars, granola bars, small candy treats, popcorn or crackers. This is an ongoing project, so we ask that you think about this project as you are shopping throughout the year.

**Imagination Library** ~ Are you an “Imagination Angel”?! It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading. You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

**Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with “Imagination Library” in the memo line. Thank you!**

**March Ushers: Head Usher: Leon King**, Butch & Faythe Amberg, Troy Amberg, Mark Oja, David Danielson, Rick Kramer, Jerilyn Kodet, Rick, Lindsey & Knox Kramer

**March Communion Servers:** Ruling Elder Dave Danielson, Laura Kohler, Nick Brozek, Katherine Brozek, Leon King, Dan Alexander, Julie Fiala

**Deacon of the Month:** Laura Kohler  
**Today's Greeter:** Winston & Rosie Venable

## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.



**March 5, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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### **Pray for The Following**

**Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently passed away: Diane Aakre;** Diane's funeral will be Saturday, March 11, at 10 am. Visitation will be from 9-10 am, on March 11.

**Pray for the unchurched and lonely.**

**Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.**

**Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.**

**Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.**

**Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.**

**Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.**

**Pray for our church leaders and teachers.**

**Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.**

**Birthdays:** 7th: Matthew Prouty, Sally Dording, 8th: Kim Becklund, 9th: Doreen Steenblock, Becky Bruns, 10th: Rachel Karnitz, 11th: Stephen Dording, Pam Iverson, Ryan Rohlik

**Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care:** Dorothy Symes

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**

Millie Bunting, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Lucille Byram

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** Sharon King, Ralph Revier, Gary Hindt,

Julie Fiala's sister; Jill Nelson, Mark Pankonin (Shari Fuhr's brother)

**If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.**

### **Looking at the Weeks Ahead**

**Sunday, March 5:**

9:00 am: NO Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship-Special Offering

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags-Mammen

**Wednesday, March 8:**

7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study

2:00 pm: Old Testament Bible Study

3:45 pm: Youth Club

5:45 pm: Meal

6:00 pm: Youth Faith in Action

**Thursday, March 9:**

5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting

**Saturday, March 11:**

9-10:00 am: Diane Aakre's Visitation

10:00 am: Diane Aakre's Funeral

**Sunday, March 12:**

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

**Monday, March 13:**

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

**Wednesday, March 15:**

7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

2:00 pm: Old Testament Bible Study

NO Youth Activities

**Sunday, March 19:**

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship-Special Offering

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags-Bentson

**Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...**

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!