

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

L: Sing to God.

P: Sing praises to God's name.

L: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

P: Sing praises to the Lord. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

Infinite God, the Christ who has walked among us, You have raised up from death. The love Jesus embodied You has sat on the throne of the world. In humility we open our hearts to Your Word. Speak to us and re-point the very compass of our hearts, that it may point to You alone, and to Your love. We pray in the name of the crucified and risen and exalted Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #463** *"How Firm a Foundation"*

***Call to Confession**

Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with You to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power You have given us. Surely You have others more capable to be Your witnesses. And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with You. Give us Your energy, courage, and vision to be Your witnesses to the end of the earth.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

We are God's people created, loved and forgiven. The God of all grace has called us by name. God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us. It is good news to celebrate. We are forgiven!

***Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Open our eyes; open our hearts. May we hear Your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Acts 1:6-14

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Gospel Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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Sermon

***Hymn #846** *"Fight the Good Fight"*

***Affirmation of faith** (from A Declaration of Faith)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Presentation of Scholarship: Nadia Meyers - Memorial Committee

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

To God we give in thankful response for all the gifts God has given us. The money we give is but one way we say, "thank you." The morning offering will be received.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Elaine Hagen

***Responsive Hymn #606 "The Doxology"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring Your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

*Hymn #772

“Live Into Hope”

*Benediction

*Postlude: Elaine Hagen

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Rummage Sale ~ Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with another successful Rummage Sale!

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

Prayer Chain ~ Do you want to be a part of the church Prayer Chain and the power of prayer? Here is how it works... When a prayer request arises, the Prayer Chain is activated. You will be notified and asked to offer prayers and contact the next person on the chain. If you are interested in being put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Char Gilland (640-0210) or Julie Fiala (430-3849) to join.

Position Opening ~ It is with deep regret that we have accepted the resignation of our custodian, Markeela Toreen whose last day with us is 5.31.23. Session has authorized filling the position. If you love to clean and keep things in working order and want to share that passion with our congregation please stop in for an application, Monday-Friday, between 9 am-1 pm, at: First Presbyterian Church, 235 E 4th St., RWF, or by email: churchofc@hotmail.com. The work averages 5-8 hours every two weeks. Cleaning times vary depending on activities in the building. Attached is the job description. If you have questions call Molly Miller at 712-579-0603.

VBS ~ We will be teaming up with Gloria Dei again this year for “Bonds That Last” **VBS on Thursday, June 8, from 9 am-3 pm.** Registration forms are available from the church office. Also, mark your calendar for our VBS pool party on Saturday, June 10!

Park Jamboree ~ The Friends of the Park invite you to the Ramsey Park Jamboree Drive-Thru Dinner on Wednesday, June 7, from 4:30-6:30 at the park campground area. Take your meal to-go or find a spot in the park to relax and enjoy it! Proceeds help maintain and improve Ramsey Park. Watch the Friends of the Park Facebook page for fun activities leading up to the event, including a photo contest, medallion hunt and trivia questions!

Help Needed ~ We are looking for more individuals to learn how to use the church camera. If you are interested, please let Pastor Scott or Lee Davis know. Thanks! Pastor Scott

May Ushers: Head Usher: Gary Hindt, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay, Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Rienstra, Shawn Corder, Leanne Heimer, Paul Hagen, Nick Brozek

May Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Michael Joldersma, Rhonda Joldersma, Shawn Corder, Julie Rienstra, Shannon Sweetman, Sonya Alexander, Dan Tiffany

Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany

Today's Greeter: Bruce & Ann Tiffany

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May 21, 2023

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Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently passed away: Sharon King; Sharon passed away on Wednesday, May 10. Sharon's funeral will be on Wednesday, May 24, at 11 am, visitation Tuesday night at the church from 4-7 pm. Keep Sharon's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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: 22nd - Dan Fuhr, Jim Palmer, 25th - Preston Brozek

Anniversaries: 25th - Claire & Curt Meyers

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: 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, May 21: 9:00 am: Sunday School - Last Day
10:15 am: Worship

Monday, May 22: Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary

Wednesday, May 24: 11:00 am: Sharon King's Funeral

Thursday, May 25: 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Marlys Mathiowetz
10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Don Dagner
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Scott & Laura Kohler
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Scott & Joyce Goodyear
7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan & Shari Fuhr

Sunday, May 28: 10:15 am: Worship - Pentecost - Cake Following Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Meyers

Monday, May 29: **Church Offices Closed - Memorial Day**

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

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