

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringing 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 (Based on Psalm 33:1-5)

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you, God's beloved;

P: Sing to God a new song! For the word of the Lord is upright,

L: And all God's work is done in faithfulness. Our God loves righteousness and justice;

P: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, pour upon us Your wisdom and grace as we start a new week. Enkindle in our hearts the fire of our love, that warmed by Your presence and inspired by Your spirit, we seek Your purpose for each of us. May we bring glory to You in the way we live our lives and minister to Your people. Bless us in our mission to be all that we can become, through the holy power and peace of Your Trinitarian Being. Amen.

***Hymn #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

***Call to Confession**

God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sins together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, You are always drawing the circle of Your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

When the woman touched Jesus' cloak, he told her, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***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: Pastor Scott

Prayer of Illumination

God beyond all knowing, You are shrouded in wonder and mystery and yet as close to us as our very breath. By Your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through Your Word, that we may follow You more faithfully. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33:1-12

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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Sermon

***Hymn #157 "I Danced in the Morning"**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

We believe in Jesus Christ, the realization of true humanity. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people, sharing their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. Expressing God's love in word and deed, he became a friend to sinners, and a refuge for those cast aside. Many rejected him and demanded his death, but he gave himself freely, with mercy and love. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, conquering death for all people. In Christ Jesus, love gets the final word.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God comes to us in grace; we respond in gratitude. Let us return to God a portion of what we have received.

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

Gracious God, You are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these offerings and use them for Your work in the world until "thy kingdom come." Amen.

*Hymn #838 *"Standing on the Promises"*

*Benediction

*Postlude: Elaine Hagen

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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. 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. If you have questions call Molly Miller at 712-579-0603.

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

Meals on Wheels ~ The Deacons need your help! They are in charge of Meals on Wheels delivery from June 16-30. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex and sign up where you can help!

Choice's Pregnancy Center ~ This is the last week to fill those baby bottles for the Choice's Pregnancy Center bottle campaign. We will be turning them in **NEXT SUNDAY!**

June Ushers: Head Usher: Richard Aakre, Peggy Dolezal, Karen Speros, Julie Fiala, Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, Sonya Alexander, Becky Stephens

July Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Julie Rienstra, Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, Dan Tiffany, Bruce Tiffany, Scott Goodyear, Diane Davis

Deacon of the Month: Adrienne Danielson

Today's Greeter: David & Adrienne Danielson Family

June Money Counter: Dan Tiffany

July Money Counter: Scott Goodyear

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 and the world.



June 11, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Pray for The Following

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: 12th: Mark Fuhr, 14th: Shannon Sweetman, 16th: Adrienne Danielson, Leroy Toomer

Anniversaries: 14th: Dave & Adrienne Danielson, Scott & Pamela Prouty,

15th: Mike & Julie Salmon, 16th: Donovan & Cassy Sharpe

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Dorothy Symes, Lucille Byram

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

Millie Bunting, Bob & Bunny Nolting

All Those Fighting Cancer: Ralph Revier, Gary Hindt, 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, June 11: 10:15 am: Worship

Monday, June 12: Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 13: 10:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett

Noon: Pastor Scott visits Merlin Goudy

3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Laura Kohler

6:00 pm: Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 14: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study

Thursday, June 15: **Church Office Closed**

9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Dorothy Symes & Bunny Nolting

9:45 am: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting

10:15 am: Pastor Scott visits Millie Bunting

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Judy Curtis

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording

7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Winston & Rosie Venable

Friday, June 16: **Church Office Closed**

Sunday, June 18: 10:15 am: Worship

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

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