

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: God's Spirit gathers us

P: We are not alone

L: God's Spirit calls us

P: We are to discern together God's will

L: God's Spirit sends us

P: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord, we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that You have lavished upon each of us. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear Your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance.

***Hymn #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

***Call to Confession** (1 John 1:8)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of Your Word to help us discern what is evil and against Your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need Your truth. We hunger for Your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to You. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Illumine us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear Your truth, vision to discern Your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to Your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

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Sermon

***Hymn #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts 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**

Grateful for Your radical hospitality and steadfast love, we present these gifts to You, God. Use them to further Your will and transform our world into Your new, redeemed creation. Amen.

***Hymn #649** **“Amazing Grace”**

***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 (1 Chronicles) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (Romans).

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

Position Opening ~ 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.

*****WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** We have a sign-up for our church family to help us keep the church clean and beautiful during this transition phase of looking for a new custodian. A Sign-Up Genius has been set up for volunteers to sign up (the link was emailed out with the bulletin). If you are unable to sign up online you can call the church office and Tina will help you sign up!

*****Thank you to an anonymous donor...** the church will pay \$100 a week for cleaning. Please contact Tina if you have any questions.

Church Sign ~ We need someone or a group of individuals willing to update the sayings on the sign outside in front of the church. *****Thank you to an anonymous donor...** funds have been donated to pay anyone interested in committing to the upkeep of the sign out front. Please contact Tina if you have any questions!

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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July 23, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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July Ushers: Head Usher: Drew Osborne, Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Merlin Goudy, Diane Davis, Lois Davis, Dan Tiffany

August Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Tony Miller, Dan Tiffany, Sonya Alexander, Drew Osborne, Adrienne Danielson, Paul Hagen, Stephanie Klavetter

Deacon of the Month: Rhonda Joldersma

Today's Greeter: Scott & Laura Kohler

July Money Counter: Scott Goodyear

August Money Counter: Nick Brozek

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently had surgery:

Leanne Heimer, Leanne had knee replacement surgery.

Please keep Leanne in your thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery.

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: Today: Luke Kaupang, 25th: Knox Kramer, David Fuhr, Roger Potter, 26th: Dorothy Symes, 28th: Cassandra Sweetman, Mika Jacobson

Anniversaries: 23rd: Brain & Stephanie Klavetter, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, 25th: Doug & Kay Jensen

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 Week Ahead

Sunday, July 23: 10:15 am: Worship

July 24-30: Pastor Scott is out of the office. The Rev. Anna Williamson will be available for any pastoral emergencies at 320-305-0346.

Sunday, July 30: 10:15 am: Worship with guest speaker Gwen Bohlke

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

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