

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

One: Do we dare place our trust in God?

All: God has promised to be with us to guide us.

One: Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination?

All: No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.

One: Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

All: Let us place our trust in God always. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

God, thank You for the lesson of faith that I can learn from Abraham - who believed God without knowing the whole story and was prepared to leave all that he had and place his future into Your hands entirely. Thank You that You are a faithful God and that Your promises are steadfast and sure. Amen.

***Hymn #468 "In My Life - Lord, Be Glorified"**

#469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

***Call to Confession**

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in Your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties

and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: New life is given to you. You can place your trust in God and follow God's way. God is with you.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

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

Proclaim God's Word

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

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Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

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Sermon

"The Invitation of God"

Pastor Gwen Bohlke

***Hymn #69 "Here I Am Lord"**

***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

Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so we who are the gifts of creation now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love. Amen.

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

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give You glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #300 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*Benediction

*Postlude: Elaine Hagen

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

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.



July 30, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty ~ Pastor Gwen Bohlke

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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

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!

Looking at the Week Ahead

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
Tuesday, August 1:	9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier
	10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Richard Aakre
	11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Bunny Nolting & Dorothy Symes
	2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany
Wednesday, August 2:	4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording
	7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
	9:00 am: Piecemakers
Thursday, August 3:	2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study
	9:00 am: Pastor Scott Zoom Meeting
Sunday, August 6:	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

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

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

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: Keegan & Shellie Mammen

July Money Counter: Scott Goodyear

August Money Counter: Nick Brozek

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently passed away: Lucille Byram,

Lucille passed away on July 22, her funeral will be held on August 11.

Please keep Lucille'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: *Today: Julie Fiala, 31st: Anne-Marie Danielson, August 2nd: Emma, Harper, Haven & Taylee Johanneck, Joseph Juell, 3rd: Thomas Miller, Barb Stough, Rev. Scott Prouty, 4th: Lillian Alexander, 5th: Emilee Fuhr*

Anniversaries: *August 3rd: Paul & Elaine Hagen*

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

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.