

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: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

P: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

L: As we worship, we remember,

P: that we are the family of faith together!

Prayer of Invocation

God of the covenant, in our baptism You called us to proclaim the coming of Your kingdom. Give us courage like You gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to Your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

***Call to Confession**

When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Relying on God's abundant grace, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as You have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray, and make us new to go forth and glorify You. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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: Pastor Scott

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-30

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Scripture Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

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Sermon

***Hymn #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe. Amen.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

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**

Thank You, God, for all that we have and all that we are. We take these gifts given today and dedicate them ever and only to You. Amen.

***Hymn #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

***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).

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 this last week). If you are unable to sign up online you can call the church office and Tina will help you sign up!

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 9, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Church Sign ~ We need someone or a group of individuals willing to update the sign outside in front of the church. Please contact the church office!

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

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

Deacon of the Month: Rhonda Joldersma

Today's Greeter: Peggy Dolezal

July Money Counter: Scott Goodyear

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: *10th - Ella Enright, 12th: Claire Stephens*

Anniversaries: *Today - Mark & Dorie Oja, 11th: Keegan & Shellie Mammen*

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 9:

10:15 am: Worship

Monday, July 10:

Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary

Wednesday, July 12:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study

Thursday, July 13:

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

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording

7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson

Friday, July 14:

Afternoon: Pastor Scott has Committal Service

Sunday, July 16:

10:15 am: Worship at Lower Shelter with Holy Communion

Following Worship: Potluck at Lower Shelter

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

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

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