

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: Lord, we come to worship and praise your holy name.

P: We come because you have called us.

L: You have called us to be your disciples,

P: Not to be served, but to serve.

L: We come to offer ourselves to you,

P: We offer our time, our gifts our very lives for your service.

L: The kingdom of God is not what many would expect.

P: In the world, people who are recognized as leaders hold it over everyone else. And people who reach greatness become tyrants over everyone around them.

L: This is not the way it works among Christ's disciples.

P: For us, whoever wishes to become great must be a servant to everyone else. And whoever wishes to be first among us must become a slave to all of us.

L: Jesus, Servant of the world, we come seeking to learn this new way of living.

P: Jesus, fill us with your love. Show us how to serve.

Prayer of Invocation

God of Grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #757 "Today We All are Called to Be Disciples"**

***Call to Confession**

The God who revealed to us in the pages of scripture, is a welcoming God, who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates you from others and from God. Let us pray together:

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, from the beginning of time You have called Your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused Your love and grace. Restore to us the joy of knowing You, and recognizing Your reign among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Be assured, God has heard your prayers and you 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: Ann Tiffany

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Luke 5:17-20

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

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Sermon

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

***Hymn #738**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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**

Lord Jesus, as You gave Yourself for us, so we wish to give ourselves for You and Your work in this world. Receive these offerings from our hands and bless them in Your service. Take also, O Lord, all the intentions of our hearts and minds and bring them to life in our church, our community, and our world. Amen.

***Hymn #23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"**

***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.

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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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August 13, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

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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 (1 Corinthians).

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

Backpack Ministry ~ We will be packing backpacks for the Backpack Ministry **next Sunday**, following worship. Many hand make for light work!

Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, August 13: 10:15 am: Worship

Monday, August 14: 10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Richard Aakre
Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary
7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 15: Morning: Pastor Scott tapes “Thoughts for Today”

Wednesday, August 16: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
9:00 am: Piecemakers
2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study
3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lois Davis

Thursday, August 17: 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Rick & Fran Hauge
10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Lee & Diane Davis
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Laura Kohler
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Doug & Kay Jensen
3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Scott & Joyce Goodyear
7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Winston & Rosie Venable

Sunday, August 20: 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Backpack Ministry - Packing Backpacks

Monday, August 21-23: The Church Office will be closed.

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

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

August Ushers: Head Usher: Wayne Mann, Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Kim McKay

September Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Molly Miller, Scott Goodyear, Laura Kohler, Dave Danielson, Drew Osborne, Nick & Katherine Brozek

Deacons of the Month: Julie Fiala/Shari Fuhr

Today’s Greeter: Diane Davis

August Money Counter: Nick Brozek

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one:

Peggy Dolezal & Karen Speros’ brother-in-law passed away on August 8, his funeral was in Chicago on August 11. Please keep Peggy, Karen and their families 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: *14th: Jenifer Hindt, 15th: Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe, Haylee Toomer, 16th: Sonya Alexander, 17th: Char Gilland, 18th: Sue Wessels*

Anniversaries: *14th: Robb & Robin Schneider, 15th: Gary & Jenifer Hindt, Shannon & Ray Sweetman, 17th: Kory & Brittany Schneider, 18th: Mike & Connie Bentson*

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: *Dorothy Symes, Richard Aakre*

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.