

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Karen Speros

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: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

P: How wise are God's commandments!

L: Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

P: Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

L: The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

P: God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

L: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

P: Amen!

Prayer of Invocation

O Living God of past and future, we praise You for this present moment. Fill us with Your joy and empower us with Your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of Your glory. Amen.

***Hymn #661 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

***Call to Confession**

Surrounded by God's everlasting faithfulness, we acknowledge our distress in how we have lost faith and become separated from God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

***Prayer of Confession**

God before time, God in our time, God Eternal, You mark our days and years for what we have experienced and what we have learned. You give us time to develop characters shaped by success and failure, joy and sorrow, mercy and injustice. You call us to respond with grace and love in every season of our lives. Yet we confess that we do not always learn willingly and change our ways to follow Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we go our own way, and abide with us as we turn back toward You. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

When we are in distress because we have wandered from the way, God is also distressed. God has sent a savior to guide and redeem us in every season. This is the good news of Jesus Christ: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Open our hearts, Oh God, to this Your Word. May we hear with joy what you would have us hear this day and may the music of Your grace build our whole lives long that we may sing Your praise with our whole being.

Responsive Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-7

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Sermon

"Everything Happens for a Reason"

***Hymn #353**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

***Affirmation of Faith:** The 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, our Father, provides for us in all seasons of our lives. In gratitude and joy, let us return a portion of those gifts to God and the church that they may bless others.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Karen Speros

***Responsive Hymn #606 "The Doxology"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Teach us to follow You faithfully in every season of life, and remind us that You have given us what we need to serve You and Your kingdom. May these gifts guide us and others as we seek to be stewards and partners in Your plans for peace, justice, wholeness, and love. May they serve to build up community and heal our planet. Amen.

***Hymn #192** "Shine, Jesus Shine"

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Karen Speros

***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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Backpack Ministry ~ The Mission Committee will be packing backpacks for the Backpack Ministry **TODAY, following worship.** Many hands make for light work!

Bible Study ~ We have two weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (2 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

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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August 20, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Looking at the Week Ahead

- Sunday, August 20:** 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Backpack Ministry - Packing Backpacks
- Monday, August 21-23: The Church Office will be closed.**
- Monday, August 21:** Pastor Scott has a Synod Committee Meeting in Eagan
- Tuesday, August 22:** 10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Judy Curtis
Afternoon: Pastor Scott visits Richard Aakre
- Wednesday, August 23:** 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study
6:30 pm: Personnel Committee Meeting
- Thursday, August 24:** Noon: Pastor Scott has SEI Board Meeting
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Mark & Dorie Oja
7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob & Sonya Alexander
- Sunday, August 27:** 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!

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: Mark & Dorie Oja

August Money Counter: Nick Brozek

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that were recently hospitalized:

Doreen Steenblock was hospitalized in Staples, MN, recovering from a fall. She is now home.

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: *21st: Elaine Hagen, Julie Salmon, 25th: Lori Quinn, Donavan Sharpe*

Anniversaries: *21st: Nathan & Valerie Stephens, 25th: Mark & Deanie Fuhr*

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

Richard Aakre- Richard is now receiving hospice care in Mankato. You may send him cards at:

367 Parry Street

Mankato, MN 56001

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.