

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

L: God has been gracious to us, God has blessed us,

P: God has made His face to shine upon us.

L: God reveals His way to all peoples,

P: God guides all the nations on the earth.

L: God judges everyone with equity.

P: God shows His saving power everywhere.

L: Let all the nations praise you, O God,

P: Let us, Your people, praise You.

Prayer of Invocation

Dear Lord Jesus, we pray for all people, so that they may learn about You and praise You. Please help Your missionaries teach people about You. Help us to spread Your Word and raise up new missionaries. Help us be good examples; full of love, strength and faith. Amen.

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

***Call to Confession:** (James 4:8)

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but You are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Merciful Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Proclaim God's Word

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:18-20

Ministry in Zambia: Bonnie Lou (Dolan) Ndelemeti

***Hymn #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

***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

We respond to this marvelous call through our giving this day. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

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**

May our tithes and offerings be used to support missions in the places of the world where people have little chance to hear Your gospel. May it be used in our local community for those who need a helping hand. Bless the ministries these offerings support. Amen.

***Hymn #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

***Please stand in body or spirit.**

September Ushers: Head Usher: Don Dagner, Scott Goodyear, Rachel Karnitz,
Kory Schneider, Dale & Sandy Starr

October Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Nathan Stephens, Julie Fiala, Rick Hauge,
Kathy Peterson, Molly Miller, Drew Osborne

Deacons of the Month: Shannon Sweetman

Today's Greeter: Kevin McKay

September Money Counter: Molly Miller

Dates to Note:

TODAY: Friendship Dinner @ 5-6:30 pm, Chili/Sides/Desserts will be Served.

Everyone is welcome!

Youth Faith in Action Meeting @ 6:30 pm

September 20: Youth Club Kickoff

September 24: Sunday School Kickoff @ 9 am

September 27: Confirmation Potluck/Meeting @ 6 pm

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.



September 17, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

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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.

Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, September 17: 10:15 am: Worship
5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner
6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action Meeting

Monday, September 18-24: Pastor Scott out of Office - Pastor's Retreat

Wednesday, September 20: 9:00 am: Piecemakers
Afternoon: Youth Club

Sunday, September 24: 9:00 am: Sunday School Kickoff
10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

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

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

Bible Study ~ We have two weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (Nehemiah) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (Galatians).

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

Thank You ~ Dear Church Family, I wish to sincerely thank everyone for the calls, cards, prayers and well wishes during my time of healing. I want to thank Pastor Scott for his visits and holy communion. A special thank you to Ralph Revier for all he has done to help me.
~ Doreen Steenblock

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: *Today: Pete Fuhr, 18th: Mike Dahmes, 19th: Eloise Brozek, Mike Salmon, 20th: Brian Klavetter*

Anniversaries: *23rd: Bob & Bunny Nolting*

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.