

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: This is the day the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: It is a new day! It is a new year! Praise God for a new beginning!

P: Come! Let us worship God with gladness and thanksgiving!

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, Thank You for the promise that where two or more are gathered, You are there in the midst. We welcome You among us and celebrate the gift of life that You have lavished upon each of us. We are grateful that You know each of us by name and have called us to work and live for You. Today we remind ourselves of Your faithfulness through all generations and Your goodness to each of us. Come and fill our lives with Your love and guidance as we try to live intentionally for You every day of our lives. To You be the glory and honor. Amen.

***Hymn #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Yet, we often turn away from You to follow the desires of the world. We give in to anger, hate and fear rather than compassion and mercy. Help us to always remember that You died and then rose from the dead so we could have hope. Thank You for washing away our sins by offering Yourself as the perfect and blameless sacrifice for us. Forgive us for being inattentive and for giving into temptation. We want to be better. We want to love deeply and to live peacefully with one another. Please help us to stay focused on You. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Neither height or depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are forgiven, loved and restored. 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

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

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Hymn #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 2:8-10

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Colossians 3:23-24

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Philippians 4:4-9

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Sermon

"If You Have a Pause, You Have a Purpose"

Janet Ellingworth

***Hymn #733**

"We All Are One in Mission"

***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's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Elaine Hagen

***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.

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**

***Hymn #300** "We Are One in the Spirit"

***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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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

Dates to Note:

September 17: Friendship Dinner @ 5-6:30 pm, 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 3, 2023 ~ Janet Ellingworth

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

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Looking at the Week Ahead

August 31-September 4: Pastor Scott will be out of the office attending the 60th Annual Islamic Society of North America Conference.

Sunday, September 3: 10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker Jan Ellingworth

Monday, September 4: Church Offices Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5: Morning: Pastor Scott has a GA Committee Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, September 6: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study

Thursday, September 7: 10-3:00 pm: Pastor Scott has a Leadership Meeting-Willmar

7:00 pm: Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, September 8: Noon: Pastor Scott has Dollars for Scholars Meeting

3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Richard Aakre

Sunday, September 10: 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags-Bentson

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

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

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

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

Deacons of the Month: Shannon Sweetman

Today's Greeter: Michael & Rhonda Joldersma

September Money Counter: Molly Miller

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: *5th: Rick Hauge, Cora Tiffany, Olivia Schneider, 7th: Jackie Venable*

Anniversaries: *8th: Dan & Shari Fuhr, Nancy & Kevin Miller*

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.