

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** (from Luke 13:29)  
L: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

**Prayer of Invocation**  
On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize Your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love Your children everywhere. We thank You for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

**\*Hymn #1**                    **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**  
**\*Call to Confession**  
Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God’s truth. Let us confess our sins together.

**\*Prayer of Confession**  
Gracious God, we are indebted to You and Your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all You have given us. We consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor. God, liberate us. Free us. Reorder our priorities so all Your nations and peoples may thrive.

**\*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**  
**\*Assurance of Pardon** (2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of Common Worship)  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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:** Pastor Scott  
**Prayer of Illumination:** Eliza Bentson  
Bless us, O God, with ears to hear Your truth, vision to discern Your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to Your call. Inspire us as we hear Your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

**Responsive Reading - Eliza Bentson:** I John 4:9-11                    Page 1497  
**Scripture Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-25                    Page 1395  
**Sermon**

**\*Hymn #515**                    **“I Come with Joy”**  
**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Nicene Creed (page 34 in hymnal)

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

Give Thanks to God

**Call for the Offering**  
We are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

**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**

Holy God, bless these gifts for Your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

**\*Hymn #516 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”**  
**Holy Communion**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

**\*Please stand in body or spirit.**  
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**October Ushers: Head Usher:** Nathan Stephens, Val, Blake & Claire Stephens, Rick Hauge, Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

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

**Deacons of the Month:** Julie Fiala

**Today’s Greeter:** Barb Nelson

**October Money Counter:** Nathan Stephens

**Kick-Off:** Youth Club begins on **Wednesday, October 4**, from 4:00-5:15 pm, for kids in Kindergarten-4th grade.

**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 (Philippians).

**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

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.



**October 1, 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**

<b>Sunday, October 1:</b>	9:00 am: Sunday School 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 pm: Pastor Scott has a Zoom Synod Meeting Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Bentson
<b>Monday, October 2:</b>	All Day: Pastor Scott has a Zoom Synod Meeting
<b>Wednesday, October 4:</b>	7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study 9:00 am: Piecemakers 2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study 4:00 pm: Youth Club 6:00 pm: Confirmation: Meal Bentson Family
<b>Thursday, October 5:</b>	9:00 am: Pastor Scott has a Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett 3:15 pm: Pastor Scott visits Gary & Jenifer Hindt 4:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting & Millie Bunting
<b>Sunday, October 8:</b>	9:00 am: Sunday School 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!

**Pray for The Following**

**Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently passed away: Richard Aakre**  
*Richard Aakre passed away on September 23.  
His funeral will be Saturday, October 14, at 10:30 am, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Please keep his son and other relatives in your 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:** *Today: Cooper Plotz, 6th: Marlys Verdoes, 7th: Rosie Venable*

**Anniversaries:** *2nd: Nick & Katherine Brozek*

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

**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.**