

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: August Danielson

L: Look around at this wondrous world!

P: God’s mighty acts in creation are magnificent!

L: Look around at the diversity of God’s people!

P: Diversity is to be celebrated for we have much to learn from each other.

L: Come, let us offer praise and prayer to God.

P: Let us celebrate all God’s goodness, for even in the midst of the horrible storm, God is with us. AMEN.

Prayer of Invocation: August Danielson

Lord, we call upon You this day to open our hearts to Your love, our ears to Your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do Your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of Your world, O Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #824 “Near to the Heart of God”**

***Call to Confession**

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of infinite forgiveness, we implore You this day to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on You by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being Your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve You and Your creation with peace, justice, and hope. It is in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Feel the powerful warmth of God’s love for you! God is with you, healing and restoring your lives and bringing you peace. This is the good news from our persistent and patient 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**

Responsive Reading: “Praise the Lord of Harvest” (Psalm 65)

Speaker #1 (Lauren Miller): People of God, praise the great goodness of your creator!

Congregation: Praise the Lord of harvest, from whom all blessing flow!

Speaker #1: O God, you are the hope of all the earth, the source of salvation!

Speaker #2 (Elliott Klavetter): You built the mighty mountains and silenced the roaring seas!

Speaker #3 (Corrine Danielson): You made the morning and the evening SHOUT for joy!

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Congregation: Praise the Lord of harvest, from whom all blessings flow!

Speaker #1: O God, your love flows throughout the earth and the seas!

Speaker #2: You provide the land with grain and water it abundantly!

Speaker #3: You crown the year with fruitful harvest.

All Speakers: The hills dance for joy, the meadows sing with gladness, the valleys shine with golden grain. People god God, shout and sing together!

Congregation: Praise the Lord of harvest, for whom all blessings flow!

Anthem: “Praise the Lord of Harvest” Chancel Choir

Proclaim God’s Word

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #367

“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

*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

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

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, we offer these gifts to You with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to You in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of Your kingdom in Your church, Your community and into the beautiful world which You have made. Amen.

*Hymn #39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Benediction

*Postlude: Elaine Hagen

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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October 15, 2023

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, October 15: 9:00 am: Sunday School
10:15 am: Worship
5:00 pm: Youth Faith in Action

Monday, October 16-18: Pastor Scott will be in Louisville for the General Assembly Ecumenical and Inter-Religious meeting. Rev. Pamela Prouty will cover in case of any pastoral emergencies. (507-)640-1372

Tuesday, October 17: 4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby’s Pantry

Wednesday, October 18: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

Thursday & Friday, October 19 & 20: Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 21: All Day: Pastor Scott has Presbytery Meeting in Willmar

Sunday, October 22: 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags-*Klavetter*

Monday, October 23: Church Office 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!

October Ushers: Head Usher: Nathan Stephens, Val, Blake & Claire Stephens, Rick Hauge, Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

November Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Tony Miller, Nathan Stephens, Laura Kohler, Scott Kohler, Dave Danielson, Shari Fuhr, Nancy Miller

Deacons of the Month: Julie Fiala

Today’s Greeter: Judy Cutis

October Money Counter: Nathan Stephens

Turkey Dinner ~ Mark your calendars... The Presbyterian Turkey Dinner is right around the corner on **Wednesday, November 8**, from 5-7 pm, at the Redwood Area Community Center. Tickets have been mailed out to the Presbyterian men or are available (\$15 Adults, \$10 Children ages 4-12) at the church office.

Bake Sale ~ Youth Faith in Action will be having a bake sale to raise money for future projects, during the Presbyterian Turkey Dinner on **Wednesday, November 8**, from 5-7 pm.

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

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

Rose Sale ~ Rotary is having their rose sale. Order forms are available in the Narthex or contact Pastor Scott, Nathan Stephens, Mark Oja or Michael Joldersma.

Kids’ Fest ~ A free community event on **Monday, October 31**, from 6-8 pm. Come fro a wonderful, safe and fun filled time with friends and family at the Northwood Church in Redwood Falls. Sloppy Joes and apple cider will be served with a photo booth, face painting, games, candy, prizes and more!

Ruby’s Pantry ~ Our next Ruby’s Pantry is **October 17!** We are in need of volunteers! Please sign up if you can help! ***Sign up is posted to our church website, facebook page and was emailed out earlier this week. Contact the church office if you need assistance.

Position Opening ~ We are still looking for a church custodian!!! Please stop into/or call the church office for more information!!!

Bloodmobile ~ Donating blood is easier than pumpkin pie, donate at the RACC **Monday, October 16**, from noon-6 pm, or **Tuesday, October 17**, from noon-6pm. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross or RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

Soup N’ Sandwich ~ The Methodist Church invites you to their annual Soup N’ Sandwich Luncheon on **Tuesday, November 14**, from 11am-1pm. Cost is \$10, tickets sold at the door. Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and a craft/bake sale.

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: Claire Meyers, Linda Dahmes, 17th: Drew Osborne, 19th: Dorie Oja,
20th: Samantha Osborne, Todd Peterson*

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, Sue Tiffany

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.