

Assemble in God’s Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

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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: (based on Psalm 1) Corrine Danielson

L: Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

P: Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

L: May we be like trees planted by streams of God’s living water.

P: May our lives bear good fruit, loving God, and loving our neighbor.

Prayer of Invocation: Corrine Danielson

Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to Your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #275 “A Mighty Fortress is our God”**

***Call to Confession**

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, Your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray You and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to Your way of righteousness. Amen.

***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**

Proclaim God’s Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Adrienne Danielson

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

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Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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Matthew 22:34-46

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Sermon

***Hymn #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love”**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe...

- that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;*
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;*
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;*
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one*

name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another; admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Amen.

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 #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, these offerings are only a portion of all that You have given us. We gratefully entrust these gifts to Your care and Christ's ministry. May these gifts reflect our love for our neighbors in need; blessing others as we have been blessed. Amen.

***Hymn #729 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"**

***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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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October 29, 2023

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Today’s Greeter: Julie Rienstra
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.

Youth Faith in Action Needs Your Help... YFA is asking all the bakers out there to help them raise money by donating some baked goods to their sale! Pies, cakes, bars, breads, cookies or whatever you love to bake... Please drop them off to the church kitchen by 4 pm on **Wednesday, November 8**, the day of the sale.

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

Kids’ Fest ~ A free community event on **Tuesday, October 31**, from 6-8 pm. Come for 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!

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

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.

Hot Dish Supper ~ St. Catherine’s Council of Catholic Women invite you to their Annual Hot Dish Supper on **Monday, November 6**, from 5-6:30 pm, at St. Catherines. Proceeds up to \$500 go to Share the Spirit. Tickets available at the door for \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children).

	<u>Looking at the Week Ahead</u>
Sunday, October 29:	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship 2:30 pm: Graveside Service for Jeanette Kotval
Wednesday, November 1:	7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study 9:00 am: Piecemakers 2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study 3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lois Davis 4:00 pm: Youth Club 4:30 pm: Personnel Committee - Staff Reviews 6:00 pm: Confirmation - <i>Meal: Danielson Family</i>
Thursday, November 2:	9:00 am: Pastor Scott has a Leadership Zoom Meeting
Sunday, November 5:	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship - Celebrating All Saint’s Day/Communion Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - <i>Kramer Family</i> Afternoon: Youth Faith in Action - Baking

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 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: *30th: Scott Goodyear, Donna Potter, 31st: Cassy Sharpe*

November 1st: Diane Cronen, Reagan Prouty, 3rd: Sarah Jacobson,

4th: Nathan Stephens, Gene Becklund

Anniversaries: *November 3rd: Donna & Roger Potter*

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.