

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:** A. J. Miller

L: We come to worship God in our need,

**P: bringing with us the needs to the world.**

L: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

**P: and who knows by experience what human life is like.**

L: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

**P: we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

L: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

**P: and God has promised never to turn us away.**

**Prayer of Invocation:** (A Veteran’s Day from Marquette University) A. J. Miller

Today we honor our veterans, worthy women and men who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that You will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that You will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and health and safety. Amen.

**Honoring Our Veterans**

**\*Hymn #337 “My Country ’Tis of Thee”**

**\*Call to Confession**

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us join together in the Prayer of Confession.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**\*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (John 3:16-17)

God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in God may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through God. Know that you and I 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:** Ann Tiffany

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Page 1442  
**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 25:1-13 Page 1180  
Amos 5:18-24 Page 1083

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn #175 “Seek Ye First”**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical Version)

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, You have given us what we need, indeed You have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to Your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see Your reign at work in the world and in ourselves. Amen.

**\*Hymn #839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** Elaine Hagen  
**\*Please stand in body or spirit.**

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**November Ushers: Head Usher:** Shannon Sweetman, Kevin Zaske, Dave Gertsema,  
Ann Tiffany, Linda Boyer, Dorie Oja

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

**Deacons of the Month:** Dan Tiffany  
**Today’s Greeter:**  
**November Money Counter:** Shannon Sweetman  
**December Money Counter:** Tony Miller

# 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.



**November 12, 2023**  
Ministers: The members of the congregation  
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	<b><u>Looking at the Week Ahead</u></b>
<b>Sunday, November 12:</b>	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship
<b>Monday, November 13:</b>	Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary 7:00 pm: Session Meeting
<b>Tuesday, November 14:</b>	All Day: Pastor Scott LINC Meeting
<b>Wednesday, November 15:</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/ <i>Meal: Hicks</i>
<b>Thursday, November 16:</b>	9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany 10:20 am: Pastor Scott visits Leon King 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Marlys Mathiowetz 3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson
<b>Friday, November 17:</b>	<b>December Chimes Deadline</b>
<b>Sunday, November 19:</b>	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship
	Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - <i>Danielson Family</i>
<b>November 20-26:</b>	<b>Pastor Scott out of the office.</b>

**Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...**  
Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

**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

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

**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 (Philemon).

**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.

**M&M Tree** ~ The Deacons have their Mittens & More Trees up in the Narthex. Please donate hats, mittens and new toys for Share the Spirit.

**Quilts For Sale...** Piecemakers will be selling quilts on **Sunday, November 19**, in the Youth Chapel! They have many great gift options to keep your friends and family warm this winter! \*\*\*There will also be a Share the Spirit table... You can buy quilts for half price to be donated to Share the Spirit! Come and help Share the Spirit this holiday season.

- Pray for The Following**
- Pray for Members of our Church Family that have an upcoming surgery:** Rhonda Joldersma;  
Rhonda will be having shoulder surgery on Wednesday, November 15. Keep Rhonda in your thoughts and prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery.  
**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: Patty Rohne, Briana Rohlik, 14th: Lynnnda McNelly, Charlotte Schneider, 15th: Lauren Miller, Rev. Pamela Prouty, 16th: Gerry Hess, 17th: Scott Kohler, Ella Dalbec*  
**Anniversaries:** *17th: Todd & Kathy 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.