

Assemble in God’s Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringin

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: Eliza Bentson

L: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

P: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

L: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

P: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

L: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

P: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

Prayer of Invocation: Eliza Bentson

Now, in the silence, when we struggle to control our lives, may we, once again, empty ourselves of our pride and fears, to be filled with Your hope. Now, in these moments, when we cannot let go of our worries and doubts, may we, once again, open our hands to hold Your faith. Now, on this day which is only and always Your gift to us, may we, once again, live into Your kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn #35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

***Call to Confession**

When we remember all the mistakes we have made, all the careless words we have spoken, all the contempt we have given to those around us, we have trouble looking God in the eye. But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us, even as we hesitate to speak of the brokenness of our hearts. Join me as we pray, saying,

***Prayer of Confession**

Again, Master of the Universe, we must confess our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all Your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of Your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the

poor choices they make. Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to Your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that Your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 “Let All Things Now Living” Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Page 1442

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 Page 1180

Sermon

***Hymn #716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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 #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**

Now, in these moments of gratitude, we would offer You a portion of all which You have given to us, Gracious God. We do so, trusting that You will take them, multiplying them in \Your kingdom, so all might be blessed by Your love, Your peace, and Your hope. Amen.

***Hymn #719 “Come, Labor On”**

***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: Greg Dording

November Money Counter: Shannon Sweetman

December Money Counter: Tony Miller

Thank You ~ Dear FPC Deacons, Thank you for the college care package! I really appreciate the thought and its nice to know I always have my church family supporting me. I’m graduating this December with a degree in English and I plan to go into Library Sciences eventually. I hope to get home and attend church soon! *Sincerely, Tori Fuhr*

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.

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 19, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 19: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - *Danielson Family*

November 20-26: Pastor Scott out of the office.

Tuesday, November 21: 4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby’s Pantry
Thursday, November 23: **Happy Thanksgiving** - *Church Office Closed*
Friday, November 24: *Church Office Closed*
Sunday, November 26: 10:15 am: Worship - Kathy Terpstra

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 (Psalms) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (James).

Quilts For Sale... Piecemakers will be selling quilts **this Sunday**, 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.

Freezing For Food ~ On December 6, 7 & 8 Weelborg Ford is having their 20th Annual “Freezing for Food” event. The goal is to collect 20,000 funds of food and cash donations. Donations can be dropped of during the three day event at the Redwood Falls Weelborg location! Let's help out all we can during this holiday season.

Turkey Bingo ~ **Today** at 1:30 pm, St. Catherine’s will host Turkey Bingo! Everyone is welcome! \$7 for 20 games, refreshments will be served and door prizes given away!

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: *21st: Jon Alexander, Henry Juell, 23rd: Kyle Hicks, Colin Fuhr, Michelle Croatt, 25th: Joseph Bruns*

Anniversaries: *20th: Sheena & Clay Rudenick, David & Penny Fuhr*

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.

