

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: Psalm 95:1-7
L: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
L: For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.
P: In God's hand are the depths of the earth; and the heights of the mountains.
L: God made the sea and the dry land.
P: O come, let us worship and bow down; L: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
All: For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Prayer of Invocation
Most Holy God, Your Son shows us the way of service, and in Him we inherit the riches of Your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world You have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**
***Call to Confession**

God both loves and judges us. Jesus told us how we are to live and love. Unfortunately, we have fallen far short of our calling. When we are tempted to forget those less fortunate than ourselves, God alerts us to make some radical changes. Let us begin by recognizing our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from Your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about Your saving love. Forgive us, God of Grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve You with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**
***Assurance of Pardon**
Hear the good news: God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe the good news in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***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
Prayer of Illumination
Speak to us, O God, with the voice of Your Holy Spirit, that we may know the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Page 1016
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25: 31-46 Page 1181
Sermon: Kathy Terpstra

***Hymn #757 “Today We are Called to be Disciples”**

***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**

Loving God, receive these expressions of our thanks for the abundant inheritance entrusted to us. We dedicate our time, talents and our resources to the work You have set before us. May this congregation become more and more a source of hope for each of us and for all we meet. Amen.

***Hymn #612 “We Praise You, O God”**

***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

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 26, 2023

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty ~ Guest Speaker: Kathy Terpstra

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Deacons of the Month: Dan Tiffany
Today’s Greeter: Rick Hauge
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*

Thank You ~ Thank you Char Gilland for sharing your time, talent and countless hours of planning, prepping and organizing of the Piecemakers for over 20 years. Char, you have devoted so much of yourself to making the Piecemakers everything that it is and everything that it has given back to the community. Your effortless caring and connection to working to help others will forever be treasured by all the lives you have touched over the years. ~*Thank You Char!!!*

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.

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 (Hebrews).

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.

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.

Looking at the Week Ahead
Sunday, November 26: 10:15 am: Worship - Kathy Terpstra
Monday, November 27: Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson
Wednesday, November 29: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study
4:00 pm: Youth Club
6:00 pm: Confirmation/ *Meal: Miller*
Thursday, November 30: *Church Office Closed*
9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Rick Hauge
10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Judy Curtis
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Scott & Joyce Goodyear
3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dave & Adrienne Danielson
Friday, December 1: *Church Office Closed*
Sunday, December 3: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - *Miller Family*
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 an upcoming surgery: Leanne Corder; Leanne will be having surgery tomorrow, in St. Cloud. Please keep Leanne in your thoughts and prayers for a successful surgery and a 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: Kristi Zimmerman, 27th: Brian Kohler, 28th: JoAnne Carroll, 29th: Lori Rebstock, 30th: Ryan Quinn*
December 1st: Connie Bentson, Shari Fuhr

Anniversaries: *26th: Andy & Cassi Juell*

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), Sally Sick (Julie Fiala’s sister)*

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

