

Assemble in God’s Name

**Prelude:** Sonya Alexander  
**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**  
L: What a year this has been!

**P: So many things have happened. Some of them have been wonderful; others very sad.**

L: In all of this our Lord has been with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing.

**P: Thanks be to God for God's continual presence with us.**

L: Now we are on the threshold to a new tomorrow.

**P: We don't know what it will hold for us.**

L: In all of what is to come, our Lord will be with us.

**P: Guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing with us.**

**ALL: Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love and presence. AMEN.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*Written by John Wesley; The United Methodist Hymnal (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989), 607.*

**\*Hymn #119                      “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**\*Call to Confession**

Friends, let us prepare to enter the new year with hearts that have been unburdened, and let us make our confession before God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs, God of abundance and grace: You know us well, better than we know ourselves. You hear us cry “Gloria!” and “Praise!” And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds. You hear us say “Thy will be done” and “Use me, O God” And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help. You know us, and you love us, and you forgive. Hear us now say, “Help us to change; turn us around, Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful.” This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good.’ Used with permission.*

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News: There is nothing in life or in death that can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**\*Response Hymn #581 “Gloria Patri”**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God’s Word

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson:** Mark 12:28-31 Page 1213  
**Sermon**

**Hymns:** 2 Congregational Hymns  
**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: Sonya Alexander  
\*Responsive Hymn #606 “The Doxology”  
1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
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

\*Hymn #134 “Joy to the World” (vs. 1)  
\*Benediction

\*Postlude: Sonya Alexander  
\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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December Ushers: Head Usher: Dan Fuhr, Shari, Max & Lucas Fuhr, Brent Prouty, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, Keegan, Shellie, Kyron & Ethin Mammen, Ralph Revier

Deacons of the Month: Scott Goodyear  
Today’s Greeter: Tom & Barb Stough  
December Money Counter: Tony Miller

2024 Per-Capita: \$45.00/\$9.80: General Assembly, \$5.50: Synod, \$29.70: Presbytery  
Annual Report Deadline: January 5, 2024  
Annual Meeting: January 28, 2024

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.



December 31, 2023  
Ministers: The members of the congregation  
Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty ~ Guest Speaker: Gwen Bohlke  
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**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 (1 John).

**Looking at the Week Ahead**

**Pastor Scott out of the office until January 2.**

- Sunday, December 31:

10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker
- Monday, January 1:

New Year's Day! Church Offices Closed
- Wednesday, January 3:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study  
Piecemakers  
2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study
- Thursday, January 4:

9:00 am: Pastor has a 9am Zoom Meeting  
2:00 pm: Pastor takes communion to Bob & Bunny Nolting  
3:30 pm: Pastor takes communion to Sally Dording
- Friday, January 5:

Annual Report Deadline
- Sunday, January 7:

9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Brozek*

**Pastor Scott out of the office January 8-14.**

**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:** *January 1st: William Prouty; 2nd: Aaron Rohlik, 4th: Ethin Mammen*

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**  
*Bob & Bunny Nolting*

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** *Ralph Revier, Mark Pankonin (Shari Fuhr's brother), Sally Sisk (Julie Fiala's sister)*

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