Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringing 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: God is calling. Do you hear? You are being called by name for a purpose.

P: God, You have searched us and know us. You discern our thoughts from far away.

L: Do not confuse the voices of the world for God's call. Do not confuse the values of this culture for God's values.

P: You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand. You know when we lie down and where we go.

L: The Lord is about to do a new thing.

P: Speak, O God, for Your servants are listening.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world. May Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshiped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn #634 "To God Be the Glory"

*Call to Confession

Both our speech and our actions call into question our faithfulness to God. There are times we say things that we regret or at least should regret. Our best intentions are not always reflected in our actions. Let's bring all those ways that we have disappointed our creator to this time of confession.

*Prayer of Confession

O God, we are a selfish people. Too often our focus is on our own wants and desires forgetting the needs of others. We would rather follow our own way rather than live in obedience to You. We profess to follow Jesus but our words and actions tell a different story. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Open us up to the new way of living that You offer. Help us to show the kind of love and compassion that the life of Jesus taught us. Amen.

*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: God is patient and kind. God hears our prayers and knows our hearts. Friends believe the good news:

P:God forgives our sins and we are made new. 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

'Sing the World God Imagines' was written by Carol Meier, who is a church musician in the Willmar area. It was the winner of The Hymn Society's 2022 Song Search for their 100th Anniversary International Conference.

Can you imagine a world filled with peace, where broken are mended and captives released, where justice replaces oppression and greed and all have what they need?

Can we envision a planet that thrives, where all of creation is fully alive, where creature and climate are tended with care, and action grows from prayer?

Can we embody God's love on this earth, by serving our neighbor, upholding their worth, by finding God's image in each one revealed? With love, this world is healed.

Refrain: Let us sing the world God Images, lift this dream as beacon and call. May we, by Love impassioned, fashion this world for all--a world of love for all.

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Page 326 John 1:43-51

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Sermon

*Hymn #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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

*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

O God , we pray that our offerings are acceptable to You. We bring them to encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf. May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts, Amen.

*Hymn #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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<u>January Ushers: Head Usher:</u> Matthew Tiffany, Kimary Tiffany, Barb Nelson, David Danielson, Leon King, Donavan Sharpe

<u>February Communion Servers:</u> Ruling Elder Robert Alexander, Sonya Alexander, Dan Alexander, Bruce Tiffany, Kathy Peterson, Leon King, Dan Tiffany

Deacons of the Month: Daniel Alexander

Today's Greeters: Dan & Shari Fuhr

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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January 14, 2024 - Kathy Terpstra

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2024 Per-Capita: \$45.00/\$9.80: General Assembly, \$5.50: Synod, \$29.70: Presbytery

Annual Meeting: January 28, 2024

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 (Revelation).

Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, January 14: 9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker

Monday, January 15: Church Offices Closed: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 16: 4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

Wednesday, January 17: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study Afternoon: Pastor Scott Zoom Meeting

4:00 pm: Youth Club

6:00 pm: Confirmation/Meal: Danielson

Thursday, January 18: All Day: Pastor Scott GA Meeting

Friday, January 19: All Day: Pastor Scott GA Meeting

Sunday, January 21: 9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Installation/Ordination of Officers

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/Pastor Scott & Volunteers

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

Hep Wanted ~ Do you like to drive? United Community Action Partnership has a volunteer driver program in your community. Volunteer drivers help get people to appointments and social outings so they can continue to live independently and active within the community. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.

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: Today - Deanie Fuhr, Bailey Kramer, 16th - Rosemary Bennett, 17th - Grayson Gregg, 20th - Blaise Stough

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.