

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome: Eliza Bentson

Read Vision Statement: Eliza Bentson

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: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever He leads us.

P: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us.

L: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

P: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

L: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

P: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

L: Lent calls us to journey with God.

P: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

Prayer of Invocation: Eliza Bentson

Loving God, we thank You for your reconciling work, patiently, lovingly, restoring all creation. We thank You for Jesus Christ, reconciler, savior, midwife of our journey to new birth. We thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, dancing, delighting in the beauty of the earth. This Lent, deepen us in prayer and new vocation to Your task of reconciliation. Help us look forward to Your Easter mystery; our hearts are restless till they rest in You. Amen.

***Hymn #157 "I Danced in the Morning"**

***Call to Confession:** (Romans 5:5, Hebrews 4:16) Eliza Bentson

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. 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 in confidence. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** Eliza Bentson

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 soul 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.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** (Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17) Eliza Bentson

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we 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

Moment for Children: Pastor Scott

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

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Gospel Lessons: John 14:1-14

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Sermon

"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

***Hymn #661**

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

***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: (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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**

God of abundance, sometimes we have to learn how to have faith in the in-between. When there doesn't seem to be enough, show us how Your people take care of each other. When we fear to share what we have, show us the grace of receiving an unexpected gift. When we hang on tight for later, just in case, show us that You are in this very moment. In these ways, teach us to give, to share, to offer ourselves for Your kingdom work. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Hymn #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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February Ushers: Head Usher: Bob Alexander, Dan Alexander,

Kyle, Kaden & Kanyon Hicks, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Kathy Peterson

March Communion Servers: Head Server: Dave Danielson, Leon King, Adrienne Danielson,

Tony Miller, Bob Alexander, Dan Alexander, Sonya Alexander

Deacons of the Month: Julie Fiala

Today's Greeters: Todd & Kathy Peterson

February Money Counter: Rhonda Joldersma

March Money Counter: Dan Alexander

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

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.



February 25, 2024

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, February 25: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship

Monday, February 26: **Church Office Closed**
10:00 am: Pastor Scott has Zoom Lenton Sermon Preparation
11:00 am: Pastor Scott Rotary Board Meeting
Noon: Pastor Scott Rotary Meeting
Evening: Pastor Scott has Meeting with Session in Luverne

Tuesday, February 27: 9:30 am: Pastor Scott has Commission on Leadership Meeting
6:00 pm: Mission Meeting

Wednesday, February 28: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
9:00 am: Pastor Scott has Good Friday Planning Meeting
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study
6:00 pm: Confirmation/*Meal: Brozek*

Thursday, February 29: 9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Jenifer Hindt
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier

Friday, March 1: 1-5:00 pm: Redwood Food Shelf Open House

Saturday, March 2: 11:00 am: Pastor Scott helps with SEI Buck Euchre Tournament

Sunday, March 3: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Mammen*

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

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

Mission Committee ~ Join the Mission Committee in their “*February Fun Food Frolic*” project throughout February! Bring three food shelf items; two representing your initials and a third item for our furry friends. Julie Rienstra has bags available for your items. Our goal is 50 bags, help us pass this goal!

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

Bible Study ~ We have two weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am, we read and study the Old Testament (Ecclesiastes) and at 2 pm, the Apocryphal (Judith).

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

Help 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 actively within the community. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call at 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.

Christ is the Passover ~ An Exploration of Passover, the Last Supper and your communion experience on **Sunday, March 17**, at 5:30 pm, at the United Methodist Church in Redwood Falls. Please RSVP to 644-2000 my March 7.

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: Lee Davis, Randy Juell, 26th: Nathan Zimmerman,*

28th: Kelly Kohler, Penny Fuhr, Danika Jansen, Cade Morris,

March 1st: Logan Moore, Jacob Gertsema, Sydney Gertsema, Kaden Hicks, 2nd: Diedra Zaske

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Bob & Bunny Nolting

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Shari Fuhr, 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.