

## Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude** "God So Loved The World"

Elaine Hagen

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Welcome:** Corinne Danielson

**Read Vision Statement:** Corinne Danielson

*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:** Corinne Danielson

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

P: "Whoever follows me will never walk without light but will have the light of life."

**Prayer of Invocation:** Corinne Danielson

For the blessings of this day, arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! In Your light may we see life clearly and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn #744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

**\*Call to Confession:** Corinne Danielson

We who have received much have not always been grateful. We who have been called to work with God for the good of others as well as ourselves have often been selfish. We who have been called to live in the light often choose darkness. In the knowledge of our weakness, ignorance and deliberate choice, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:** Corinne Danielson

Through Jesus Christ, Your light shines in the darkness. We love the darkness, though. We let our sins grow in the darkness while we avoid the light and fail to let Your light shine through us. Cleanse us with Your pure light, O Lord, as we confess our sins to You.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Corinne Danielson

The Light has come into the world and the darkness shall not overcome it! God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Rejoice! Beloved children of God, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

**\*Response #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:** Corinne Danielson

## Proclaim God's Word

**Anthem:** "Lenten Meditation"

Chancel Choir

**Moment for Children:** Pastor Scott Prouty

**Prayer of Illumination**

Guide us, O God, by Your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Responsive Reading:** Genesis 1:3-4

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**Gospel Lessons:** John 8:12-20

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**Sermon** "I am the Light of the World"

**\*Hymn #192** "Shine, Jesus Shine"

**\*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**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the God of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)

**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**

Oh God, accept my tithes and offerings and my whole life. I pray that You will help me to walk in the light because You, Lord, are the light of the world. Amen.

**\*Hymn #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**March Ushers: Head Usher: Leon King**, Butch & Faythe Amberg, Troy Amberg, Mark Oja, David Danielson, Rick Kramer, Jerilyn Kodet, Ryan, Lindsey & Knox Kramer

**April Communion Servers:** Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter, Scott & Laura Kohler, Bob Alexander, Mike Bentson, Nancy Miller, Dave Danielson

**Deacon of the Month:** Adrienne Danielson

**Today’s Greeters:** Matt & Kimary Tiffany

**March Money Counter:** Dan Alexander

**April Money Counter:** Julie Fiala

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

**Position Opening ~ We are still looking for a church custodian!!!**

**Please stop into/or call the church office for more information!!!**

**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 (Isaiah) and at 2 pm, the Apocrypha (Esther - Greek Version).

**Ruby’s Pantry** ~ We need volunteers for our March Ruby’s Pantry on **March 19**. Please sign up to help!

**Thank You** ~ Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recovery. ~ *Lois Davis*

## 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.



**March 17, 2024**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**

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## Looking at the Week Ahead

- Sunday, March 17:** 9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Stephens*
- Monday, March 18:** 8:00 am: Pastor Scott has Zoom Reflective Pastor Supervision  
9-3:00 pm: Pastor Scott has Zoom Synod Steering Committee
- Tuesday, March 19:** 3:00 pm: Pastor Scott has Zoom General Assembly Meeting  
4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry
- Wednesday, March 20:** 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study  
9:00 am: Piecemakers  
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study  
6:00 pm: Confirmation/*Meal: Hicks*
- Thursday, March 21:** 11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Wayne Mann  
Noon: Pastor Scott visits Merlin Goudy  
3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Scott & Joyce Goodyear
- Sunday, March 24:** **Palm Sunday**  
9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship - Kids Sing/Palm Parade  
7:00 pm: Redwood & Renville Sessions Meeting in Olivia

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

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

**One Great Hour of Sharing** ~ Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

## 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: Beau Stough, 22nd: Jonathan Sweetman*

**Anniversaries:** *19th: Jenny & Mark Jansen, 22nd: Kyle & Stacie Hicks, Don & Lorrie Quinn*

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

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** *Shari Fuhr, Ralph Revier, Diane Davis, 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.**