

## Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude:** Easter Prelude on 'Victory'

Elaine Hagen

**Procession of the Psalms**

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Hymn** *(insert)* "The Easter Song"

**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: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

L: Celebrate this day of days!

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

L: Let all creation be amazed!

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**All: Christ is Risen!**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Lord God, You loved this world so much, that You gave Your one and only Son, that we might be called Your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for Your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

**\*Hymn #232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**\*Call to Confession**

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which He endured, our salvation has procured. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

**\*Response** *(insert)* "Christ Arose"

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

## Proclaim God's Word

**Anthem**

"Procession of the Living Cross"

Chancel Choir

**Moment for Children:**

Ann Tiffany

**Prayer of Illumination**

Divine Redeemer, Bearer of Life, open us to the wisdom of Your Word today and enlighten us with Your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from Your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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**Gospel Lessons:** John 20:1-18

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**Sermon**

**\*Hymn** *(insert)* "Because He Lives"

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

## Give Thanks to God

**Call for the Offering**

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

## God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Thine is the Glory

Elaine Hagen

**\*Responsive** (*insert*) **"He Lives"**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing.

Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn #246** "Christ is Alive!"

**\*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 Greeter:** Nancy Miller

**March Money Counter:** Dan Alexander

**April Money Counter:** Julie Fiala

**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, starting again on April 10. At 7 am, we read and study the Old Testament (Isaiah) and at 2 pm, the Apocrypha (Wisdom of Solomon).

**Mark your calendars! Church Rummage Sale - April 25th -27th.**

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

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

## 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 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**

**First Presbyterian Church**

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**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.

### **Looking at the Week Ahead**

**Sunday, March 31:**

**Easter Sunday**

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Palmer*

**April 1-7: Pastor Scott is taking a week of vacation. The Rev. Anna Williamson of the Renville Presbyterian Church will cover in case of a pastoral emergency. (320-305-0346)**

**Wednesday, April 3:**

9:00 am: Piecemakers

**Sunday, April 7:**

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Janet Ellingworth

**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 recently lost a loved one:** *Shari Fuhr; Shari's brother Mark, passed away on Sunday, March 24. His funeral was held on March 30. Please keep Shari and her family in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Don Dagner; Don's mother, JoAnn Kotval, passed away on March 23. Her funeral will be on April 20. Please keep Don and his family in your thoughts and prayers.*

**Prayer for Members of our Church Family that have recently had surgery:** *Shari Fuhr; Shari is recovering from surgery. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers as future treatment is being planned.*

**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:** *April 3rd: Judy Curtis, 5th: Bunny Nolting, Diane Davis*

**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, Sally Sisk (Julie Fiala's sister)*

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