

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome: Eloise Brozek

Read Vision Statement: Eloise Brozek

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: By this we know love, that Christ laid down His life for us.

P: Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth.

All: This is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another.

Prayer of Invocation: Eloise Brozek

Loving God, You shower Your love on us throughout every stage of life. We praise You for Your steadfast love. Through Your Son we see the extent of that love while through Your Spirit we experience Your love every day. As we gather together this day, help us to gain a fuller picture of Your abundant love. Amen.

***Hymn #215 "What Wondrous Love is This"**

***Call to Confession:** Eloise Brozek

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Lord.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** Eloise Brozek

Savior God, You guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to Your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as Your flock.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** Eloise Brozek

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Moment for Children: Pastor Scott

Hymn #188 "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer of Illumination

God our helper, guide us into and through Your Word, that we might be shaped by Your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in Your world. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

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Gospel Lessons: 1 John 3:16-24

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Sermon

***Hymn #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

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, You meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

Anthem: The Chancel Choir

Holy Communion

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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April Ushers: Head Usher Scott Kohler, Laura Kohler, Nancy Miller, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Don & Lorrie Quinn

May Communion Servers: Julie Rienstra, Nick Brozek, Nathan Stephens, Shawn Corder, Scott Goodyear, Paul Hagen, Becky Stephens

Deacon of the Month: Shari Fuhr

Today's Greeter: Julie Rienstra

April Money Counter: Julie Fiala

May Money Counter: Adrienne Danielson

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!!!

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:

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April 21, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 21: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship

Monday, April 22: 8:00 am: Pastor Scott has Pastor Supervision Reflective Zoom
11:00 am: Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting
Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary Meeting

Tuesday, April 23: 9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Jenifer Hindt
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson

Wednesday, April 24: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study
6:00 pm: Confirmation/*Meal: Pastor Scott*

Thursday, April 25: Noon: Pastor Scott has SEI Board Meeting

Sunday, April 28: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Confirmation meets with Session
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Sharpe*

April 28-30: Pastor Scott will be at Synod Meeting in Farmington.

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

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

Rummage Sale ~ Due to the contraction we have postponed our Spring Rummage Sale. Look for more information this fall!

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 (Serach).

Documentary Dakota 38 ~ Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Renville is hosting a viewing of the Documentary Dakota 38 on April 24, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

“WOW” Mission Project ~ Through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog and the Presbyterian Mission, the Mission Committee will be collecting a special offering throughout the month of April. The “WOW” Project... “Wall of Water”. Let’s build a well for those in need of clean water and a wall of water right here in our sanctuary! Bring your donations each Sunday for the special offering and bottles of water to add to our wall!

Be Alert ~ Construction on 4th Street is underway. The main (south) entrance will remain locked during the construction for safety purposes, and **is NOT to be used for any reason**. On Sunday mornings you will need to use the back (alley) or Sanctuary (east) entrances. During the week, just the back (alley) entrance will be unlocked. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Sabbatical ~ Pastor Scott will be on Sabbatical from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Worship Committee is lining up pulpit supply for this time.

GloryWay ~ You are invited to a concert on Saturday, April 27, at 6 pm, to a live concert. Concert will be held in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church. Free to the public. Love offering received.

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: Leon King, 22nd: Faith Bruns, 27th: Logan German, 28th: Nathan Jacobson*

Anniversaries: *25th: Butch & Faythe Amberg*

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.