

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Trumpet Tune and Air - Purcell

Elaine Hagen

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: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

L: Walk in the light of His love.

P: Live in the light of His teachings and healing mercies.

L: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ.

Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of Your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In His name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #238** "Thine Is the Glory"

***Call to Confession**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, You have accepted our Lord's sacrifice for our salvation. By Your power You have raised Him from the dead, and You have clothed Him again with flesh so that His disciples might recognize Him. We humbly confess that while we know the story and believe it, it often has made too little difference in our lives, and at times we have been silent when we should have spoken of it. Forgive us, we pray, for these sins. Enable us today to reflect

more deeply on the sacred story so that our obedience may increase, our service may be more joyful and our testimony may be more courageous. Hear all this in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** (1 John 2:1-2)

If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

***Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem "Just A Closer Walk/What A Friend"

Chancel Choir

Minute for Mission - "WOW" Mission Project Kick-Off

Julie Rienstra

Moment for Children:

Julie Rienstra

Special Offering - "WOW" Mission Project

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27

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Hymn #223 "When I Survey the wondrous Cross"

Gospel Lessons: Matthew 28:1-10

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Sermon "Hope from An Empty Tomb"

Janet Ellingworth

***Hymn #634** "To God Be the Glory"

***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: Rejoice the Lord is King - Benjamin

Elaine Hagen

*Responsive Hymn #606 "The Doxology"

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we continue to hold on to the celebration and triumph of Easter. As we present these gifts to You, we affirm the Resurrection power with its message of hope from an empty tomb, and we say again, "Alleluia!" Amen.

*Hymn #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*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**

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: Merlin Goudy

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).

"WOW" Mission Project ~ A special offering will be collected throughout the month of April for the Mission Committee's "WOW" Mission Project.

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.



April 7, 2024

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty - Guest Speaker Janet Ellingworth

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Be Alert ~ Construction on 4th Street is due to start Monday morning. 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.

Library Book Sale ~ Come and support the Redwood Falls Library with their Spring Book Sale Thursday, April 18-Saturday, April 20. Donations are welcome, they can be dropped off throughout the week of April 15.

Marriage Conference ~ Northwood Church is hosting a Marriage Conference for the Redwood Falls community on **April 13**, from 9am-1pm. The cost for this event is \$10 per couple with an additional cost for childcare. You can sign up on the Northwood Church website.

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.

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: Chip Nearing, Amanda Milhausen, 11th: Kay Jensen, Bob Rebstock, Jenny Jansen*

Anniversaries: *Today: Pete & Dody Fuhr, 13th: Michael & Rhonda Joldersma*

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.

Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 7:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Janet Ellingworth

Monday, April 8:

Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 9:

All Day: Pastor Scott has LINC Redwood County

Wednesday, April 10:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study

6:00 pm: Confirmation - *Meal: Miller*

Thursday, April 11:

9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Rick Hauge

10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Doreen Steenblock

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier

Noon: Pastor Scott has Dollars for Scholars Meeting

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording

3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob & Bunny Nolting

Saturday, April 13:

All Day: Pastor Scott is preaching at Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, April 14:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Youth Sunday Celebration

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Enright*

6:00 pm: Redwood & Renville Session Meet 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!

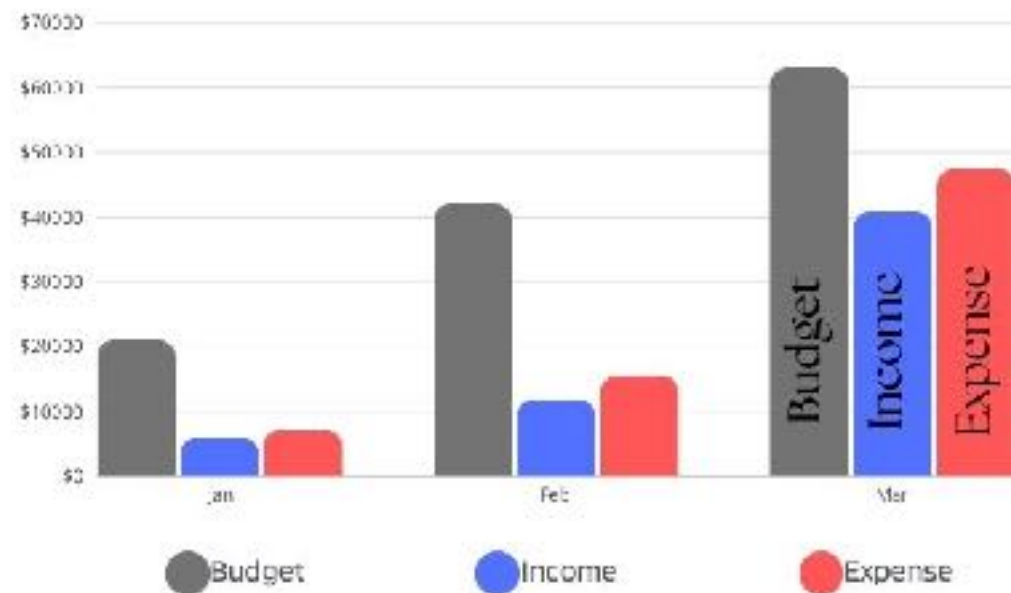
Mark your calendars! Church Rummage Sale - April 25th -27th.

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

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

Financial Report

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Graph indicates year to date:

Budget: \$63,045

Income: \$40,857

Expense: \$47,423