

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome: Blake Stephens

Read Vision Statement: Blake Stephens

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: Blake Stephens

L: We praise You, Lord! We give thanks to You with our whole heart!

P: Great are Your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.

L: The works of Your hands are faithful and just.

P: Your precepts are trustworthy.

L: Our reverence for You is the beginning of wisdom.

P: You are to be praised forever.

Prayer of Invocation: Blake Stephens

L: All-knowing Creator, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise You for the wisdom, power, and love displayed in the natural universe and in humanity, whom You have placed within it to care for it and nurture it.

P: All glory to You, omniscient God!

L: Light of the world, we praise You for being the eternal truth.

P: All glory to You, Christ our teacher!

L: Revealer of the deep things of God, we praise You for Your gifts of awe and wonder which lead us on the path of true wisdom.

P: All glory to You, Holy Spirit!

***Hymn #644** "Morning Has Broken"

***Call to Confession:** Max Fuhr

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** Max Fuhr

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Forgive us for our sins and guide us to live the way You want us to live.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** Max Fuhr

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We believe and although we fall short, we must persevere to the end. Hold tight to God's Word. 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:** Max Fuhr

Anthem

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chancel Choir

Proclaim God's Word

Moment for Children: Ann Tiffany

Unison Mother's Day Prayer

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each day in the mundane that sometimes we can take for granted. We thank You for their sacrificial love and ask You to uplift them today. Thank You for the gift they are in our lives. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #324

"For All the Faithful Women"

Honoring our High School Seniors: Maxwell Fuhr & Blake Stephens

Powerpoint Presentation

Questions for Graduates and Their Parents

Presentation of Gifts: Piecemakers, Christian Education Committee, Memorial Committee

Blessing for our High School Seniors

Creator God, surround Blake and Max with Your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise. Amen.

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

“Bless This House”

Chancel Choir

*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

Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to You with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings You give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation, but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for You and our want to further Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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We will be honoring Blake and Max after church by serving some of their favorite treats, Chips Ahoy cookies, Oreos, and Hi-Chew candy.

May Ushers: Head Usher Nick Brozek, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay, Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Rienstra, Shawn & LeAnne Corder, Paul Hagen

Deacon of the Month: Laura Kohler

Today's Greeter: Dan & Maria Alexander

May Money Counter: Adrienne Danielson

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:
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May 12, 2024 ~ Graduation Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, May 12: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship - Senior Sunday
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Tiffany*

Monday, May 13: Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary
7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 14: All Day: Pastor Scott has LINC

Wednesday, May 15: 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
9:00 am: Piecemakers
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study
7:00 pm: Pastor Scott has Evening of the Stars

Thursday, May 16: 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Leon King
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dale & Sandy Starr

Sunday, May 19: 9:00 am: Last Sunday School
9:15 am: Last Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
6-8:00 pm: Redwood & Renville Sessions Meet

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

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

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

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

Ruby's Pantry needs volunteers. Please sign up to help where you can! The next distribution day is Tuesday, May 21!

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 (Jeremiah) and at 2 pm, the Apocrypha (Serach).

Be Alert ~ Construction on 4th Street is underway. During the week, only the back (alley) entrance will be unlocked. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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: *13th: Dallas Kleinhuizen, Savannah Kleinhuizen, 18th: Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels*

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.