

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome: Eliza Bentson

Read Vision Statement: Eliza Bentson

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: AJ Miller

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Invocation: Corinne Danielson

God of Grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and truly worship You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

***Call to Confession:** Eloise Brozek

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in God, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** Kaden Hicks

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** August Danielson

L: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news.

P: 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:** August Danielson

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

"Walk Worthy"

Chancel Choir

The Public Profession of Faith of: Eliza Bentson, Eloise Brozek, August Danielson, Corrine Danielson, Kaden Hicks, AJ Miller

Presentation: Elder Robert Alexander

Renunciation and Affirmation

Sharing of Faith Statements

The Apostles' Creed (In Unison)

The Blessing

O Lord, uphold _____ by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in him/her your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

The candidate answers: Amen.

Hymn #192

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

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Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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Sermon

"God, What Do You Want To Do?"

***Hymn #69**

"Here I Am Lord"

Give Thanks to God

Minute for Mission: Julie Rienstra

Call for the Offering

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

All good gifts come from You, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of Your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

*Hymn #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Holy Communion

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

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

Deacon of the Month: Laura Kohler

Today's Greeter: Bob & Sonya Alexander

May Money Counter: Adrienne Danielson

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

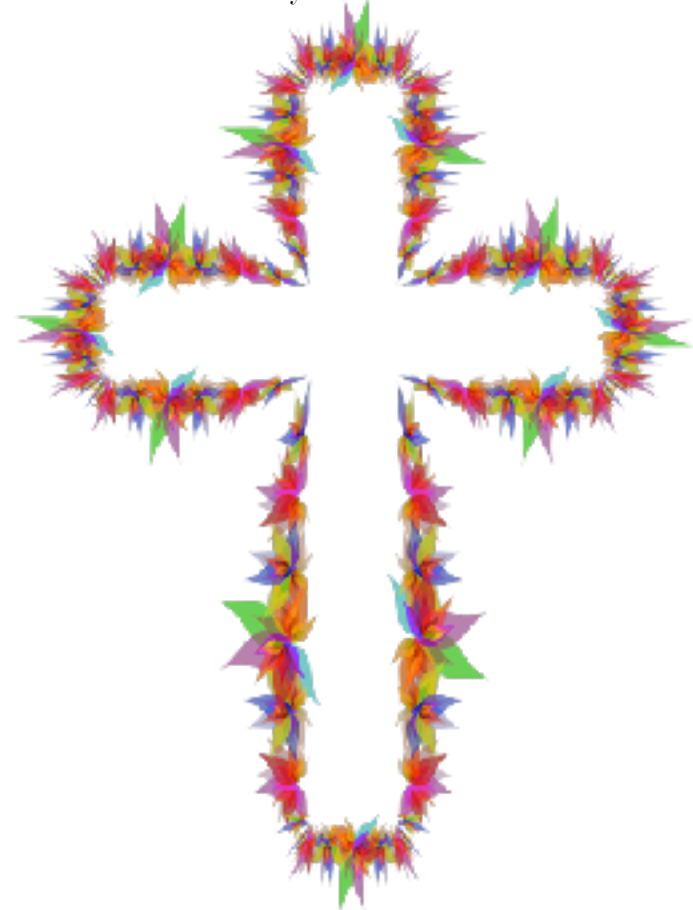
Position Opening ~ We are still looking for a church custodian!!!

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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:
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May 5, 2024 ~ Confirmation Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

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Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, May 5:	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 9:15 am: Confirmation Pictures 10:15 am: Worship - Confirmation Sunday - Holy Communion
Monday, May 6:	8:00 am: Pastor Scott has Reflective Supervision Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, May 8:	7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study 2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study
Thursday, May 9:	9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier 10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Doreen Steenblock 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording 3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob & Bunny Nolting 4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany 5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting
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/ <i>Tiffany</i>

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

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

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: *8th: Lauren Karnitz, 9th: Ryan Becklund, 11th: Brennen Fuhr, Greg Dording*

Anniversaries: *8th: Winston & Rosie Venable*

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.

Eliza's Faith Statement

I believe in God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that all three are truly good. I believe God is always watching over us. I believe Jesus gave his life so we can live, and this proves his unquestionable and undying love for us. I believe the Holy Spirit is always with us, following, protecting and blessing us wherever we go.

To me, Holy Baptism represents being blessed by God and becoming part of the church family. Holy Communion represents acknowledging the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and is enhancing my faith.

My favorite Bible story is Moses and the crossing of the Red Sea. I love this story, because I find it so amazing that God has the power to literally split the ocean in half, and that he used it to save his chosen people from slavery. My favorite scripture passage is Philippians 4:6-7. This passage sticks with me. It states: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I love this passage because it shows you that you never have to worry by yourself. You can always turn to God.

In the future, I would love to go on more mission trips with this church, and when I'm older, possibly teach Sunday School, both things to spread the love of God.

My Faith Statement

I believe that God is the creator of all. He made everything for a reason. God's light shines on us and leads us down the path of life. God shows us Grace, Justice, Mercy, and he showers us with everlasting love.

In the book of John, Jesus says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, so that whoever believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life." these words show what I believe about Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus is a savior. He died so that we could live, even though we are far from perfect. Jesus forgives our sins and is calling us to believe in God so that we can have eternal life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is the presence of God within each and every one of us. The Holy Spirit inspires us, guides us, and illuminates us. The Holy Spirit enables us to see with a new perspective, helping us to see the work of God in the world around us, giving us faith so we can be made new.

What do the two sacraments mean to me? Holy Communion is a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It reminds me how grateful I am that he died to save us. It shows just how much he loves everyone. Baptism is a very meaningful sacrament, as it marks us forever as one of God's children and the Holy Spirit is always within us. The sacraments are truly gifts from God and they help us to expand our faith in the gospel.

My favorite Bible story is, "The story of creation". This is my favorite Bible story because it shows how God made everything. "God looked at what he had done, and it was good," These words, from The Creation Story, show how much God loves and cares about the world.

Psalms 23, The Good Shepherd, is my favorite Bible passage because it helps us see that we are never truly alone. God is with us and leading us every step of the way.

In the future I would love to help with Sunday school. I would also like to help the church by volunteering, helping with missions, and anything else that God calls me to do.

Eloize Brozek

My Faith Statement

What do I believe about God? I believe that he is merciful, kind and loving, and I believe that he is always ready to listen. I believe that he created us and loves us each for who we are always seeing the best in us. *"Behold what manner of love that the father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God! He is the creator and the redeemer of all life. 1 John 3:1-3"*

What do I believe about Jesus? I believe that he died a terrible death to save me and that he forgives my mistakes and encourages me to do better. I also believe that he is the way to salvation: I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. Jesus is who we look too for inspiration and hope. He showed us how to sacrifice ourselves for others and reminds us to *"Go and Do Likewise Luke 10:37"*

What do I believe about the Holy Spirit? I believe that The Holy Spirit is the driving force for good within us and fills us with love and understanding, allowing us to do the work of God. Without the Holy Spirit we would be unable to do these things. *"But the fruit of the spirit is love, Joy, peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and self control. Galatians 5:22-23"*

What do I think about the holy sacraments? I believe that baptism marks us as a child of God and reminds us that we are saved by him. When we are baptized we know that God forgives our sins and that we must use that gift to serve him. Baptism gives us the gift of the holy spirit and gives us the power to do God's work on earth. *"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the holy spirit"*. I believe that holy communion reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us and acts as a reminder for us to make sacrifices of our own. While they were eating he took the bread, blessed it and broke it saying *"this is my body broken for you"* in the same manner he took the cup and poured it saying *"this is my blood given freely to you. Whenever you eat this bread or drink from this cup you proclaim that I shall return 1 Corinthians 11:26"*.

What is my favorite bible story? My favorite bible story is, without a doubt, the story of the good samaritan. For the whole time that Jesus was on earth he told us to love and care for our enemies and nothing reflects this better than the good samaritan. One thing that really stands out to me every time I read it is the way that the priest passed right by the broken and bleeding man. He had dedicated his life to God and had still fallen to the earthly temptations of convenience, money, and fear, a worthy lesson for us to remember. Also the Good samaritan was only a simple man, yet he saved his enemies life, this reminds us that we are capable of great things too if only we listen to God.

My favorite bible verse is Psalm 23, The Lord is My Shepherd. It carries a special peace and joy that rejuvenates me and takes away all my fear. When I feel alone or scared, simply repeating the verse in my head calms my soul. The Lord is my shepherd. I will never be in need; this feels true no matter the situation and I feel the presence of God in those words.

I plan to continue singing in the choir and I hope to someday become a deacon. It would also be great if I could continue to help with the church service (as a littergist) and the setting up of communion. I am so excited to officially join the church!

August Danielson

My Statement of Faith

I believe that God is the Creator, the Father, and the Redeemer. He is eternally kind, forgiving, and merciful. As expertly expressed in psalm 19; 7-8, “The law of the Lord is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever and they give wisdom to ordinary people. The Lord's instruction is right; it makes our hearts glad. His commands shine brightly, and they give us light.”

I believe that Jesus is the Word, he loves us so much that he was willing to sacrifice himself for us. He took human form and came to earth to teach us to love one another and to love him.

While he was on earth, he suffered for us and eventually died on the cross to assure the forgiveness of our sins forever. Three days later, he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus is the shepherd and the lamb, the Son of God and the Son of man, but most importantly, he is the redeemer and the one and only path to salvation.

I believe that the Holy Spirit pushes us to do good in the world. It enables us to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and find the best in the people around us. In the wise words of John the Baptist, “No one can do anything good unless God in heaven wills it” (John 3, verse 27) the Holy Spirit is that will.

Baptism is one of the holy sacraments, it marks us as christians and endows us with the Holy Spirit so that we may better do God’s work in the world. Communion reminds us of the immense sacrifice Jesus made for us and proclaims that he shall some day return.

My favorite Bible story is the metaphor of the mustard seed (Matthew 13: 31-32). Mustard seeds are minuscule, only about one millimeter or 0.039 inches across, but given time, they can grow into a bush almost 30 feet high. God’s kingdom is like this, a simple smile or a few kind words can go a long way in brightening someone's day. That someone might then go to someone else and do something kind, thus passing the seed of God’s Kingdom along. As the seed goes on, it gains momentum until eventually it amounts to a great act of kindness. It also shows that we don't need to be strong, particularly wise, or rich to make a difference in our world.

My favorite Bible passage is Psalm 98. “Sing a new song to the Lord! Tell everyone on this earth to sing happy songs to him. Make music for him on harps. Play beautiful melodies! Sound the trumpets and horns, and celebrate with joyful songs, for the Lord our God is king. Command the oceans to roar with all of its creatures and the earth to shout. Order the rivers to clap their hands and the hills to sing together. Let them worship the Lord!” This song of praise reminds us that not only is God the all powerful creator of the world but also a loving God that rejoices with us when we are happy. This is reason to be glad indeed.

Something I can do for the church in the future is assist in the nursery or Sunday school classes and volunteer on mission trips.

Corrine Danielson

Statement of Faith

I believe God the Father Almighty created heaven and earth. I believe that Jesus died for us on the cross and gave us eternal life. I believe the Holy Spirit is the spirit of God. The sacrament of holy communion Helps us remember Jesus by breaking the bread which represents his body broken for us and the wine/juice represents his blood shed for us. Baptism means I am marked forever as one of God’s children.

My favorite Bible story is David and Goliath because it shows that you can do anything if you trust in God. A scripture lesson I hold is 1 John 1:9 because it shows I can be forgiven no matter what I do if I believe in God he will forgive me.

I see myself continuing my faith as I progress in life and want to stay active in my church community in whatever way I can.

Kaden Hicks

Faith Statement of AJ Miller

1.What do I believe about God the Father?

That He is the Father of Jesus and He created the heavens and earth.

2.What do I believe about Jesus Christ?

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He died on the cross for our sins allowing us to be forgiven and to have eternal life.

3. What do I believe about the Holy Spirit?

I believe that the Holy Spirit is by us and with us all of the time. The Holy Spirit is like a whisper of God and Jesus guiding us in life.

4. What do I think about the Holy Sacraments?

Baptism is a sign and seal of God's grace. We are baptized as babies or adults to show we are children of God and followers of Christ.

Communion is another sacrament which unites all christians throughout the world who worship Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. When we take the (bread and wine/juice) we are remembering Jesus's last meal with his disciples before his death.

5. What is my favorite Bible Story? and why?

The story of Jonah and the whale. We never can run away from God for God will seek us out.

6. What is my favorite Bible Verse? and why?

I like Psalm 138 because you are showing your love to God and how you will praise Him

7. What can I do for the church in the future?

I could help with Sunday school and video taping.