

## Assemble in God's Name

### **Prelude**

### **Ringling 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:** (read responsively) Psalm 84

**L:** Loving Lord, how lovely is Your dwelling, to be in Your Holy presence.

**P:** Our soul yearns, even faints, that we may stand before You with awe.

**L:** Listen as creation sings Hallelujah; as we have a home at Your altar.

**P:** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house singing praises on high.

**L:** Who is like our God, the One who strengthens His people,

**P:** the One who reveals Himself to all who seek after Him?

**L:** This is our God, the Holy One.

**P:** Come with thanksgiving, offering Him the sacrifice of praise.

**L:** May every living creature joyfully adore thee, fill us with Your light

**P:** Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this is our hymn of grateful praise.

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Glorious God, we glorify and praise Your Holy name; we stand in awe and reverence of Your presence in our midst. Your name is above all others, we exalt You, my God and King. We come from the east, west, north and south to hear of Your majestic works. Inspire us, comfort us, and guide us that we may go out from this Holy place with transformed hearts and minds. O Lord, through the lens of Your eyes, may we see with a deeper understanding and clarity of Your Word. Open our ears to hear your voice speak like living water upon our soul. Bless us Lord, use us, as instruments of Your love, grace and mercy. In Your Blessed name, Amen.

### **\*Hymn #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

### **\*Call to Confession:** Ephesians 3:12

Come to the altar, for in Him and through faith in Him, we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

### **\*Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings and the ways we have strayed from Your path. We confess that we have fallen prey to outward appearances and rituals, neglecting the purity of our hearts. Forgive us, for times we have allowed evil thoughts, deceit and pride to take root in our hearts. Lord Jesus, You have taught us that it is not what goes into us that makes us impure, but what comes out of our hearts. Cleanse us from within and renew our spirits. Help us to be more like You and reflect Your love and holiness in all we do. We ask for Your mercy and grace to transform our hearts and lives so that the world will know we are Your disciples. In silence we come before You . . . .

### **\*Assurance of Pardon:** (responsively)

**L:** Hear the Good News; Christ died for our sins and rose again that God may free us from His judgement that we may live in grace.

**P:** God forgives our sins and offers us a transformed future. 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**

## Proclaim God's Word

### **Prayer of Illumination:** (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voices but Your own, so that we may hear Your Word and also do it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Responsive Reading:** (responsively) Psalm of David Psalm 15

**L:** Who can live in Your tent, Lord? Who can dwell on Your holy mountain?

**P:** The person who lives free of blame, does what is right, and speaks the truth sincerely; Who does no damage with their talk, does no harm to a friend, doesn't insult a neighbor; Someone who despises those who act wickedly, but who honors those who honor the Lord;

**L:** Someone who keeps their promises even when it hurts; someone who doesn't lend money with interest, who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person.

**P:** Whoever does these things will never stumble.

**Gospel:** Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Common English Bible)

**Sermon** "What is in YOUR Heart?"

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**\*Hymn #286** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer**

*(after each prayer will be moments of silent meditation as you seek God's grace and mercy)*

**L:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**P:** hear our prayer.

**L:** Almighty God, in Christ You taught us to pray,

**P:** and promised that we would receive all that we ask in His name.

**Prayer for Transformation:** Dear God, we pray for Your guidance and peace as we step over the threshold of a new week. Bring about positive change in our thoughts, actions and attitudes. Give us courage to let go of the old ways and embrace the new beginning that brings hope for a brighter tomorrow. *(silence)*

**Prayer for Peace and Harmony:** Prince of Peace, we pray for those that live behind enemy lines of oppression, persecution and suffering. Bring unity to nations and communities so that all walls are torn down. *(silence)*

**Prayer for Families:** Thank You God for being a God of Grace and always welcoming us as Your children. We pray for all families that face the bond of separation, financial burdens, and confront life's challenges. *(silence)*

**Prayer for time of Spiritual Nourishment:** We wish blessings upon all pastors as they embrace their sabbatical time of spiritual nourishment and renewal. We especially ask that You bless Pastor Scott during this time of reflection, renewal and a deeper connection with You. *(silence)*

**Prayer for Healing and Recovery:** Heavenly God, we come before You with those in need of emotional, physical and spiritual healing. Mend the brokenness, pain and suffering of our loved ones, friends and neighbors. May your healing power flow like living water that will bring comfort and strength. Build up their faith and remind them of Your unconditional love. *(silence)*

## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:  
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**September 1, 2024**

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**Prayer for Personal Reflection:** Lord, come into our midst, hear the heartfelt prayers of Your children, for their needs are many. May Your presence provide them with grace and mercy.  
*(silence)*

L: In union with Your church in heaven and on earth we pray:

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Give Thanks to God

#### **Call for the Offering**

With open hearts and open hands, we let go of the things that possess us, we offer our gifts to God, and we dedicate our lives in service to Jesus Christ. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

#### **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 (unison)**

Heavenly Provider, we thank You for morning sunrises that bring us hope and light with promises of a new day. May these gifts be a small token of our gratefulness that we may share with those whose lives may be touched by Your grace and mercy in meaningful ways. Open doors to new mission projects, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide spiritual nourishment to the lost and gone astray. Thank You for Your abundant blessings. We are thankful for the opportunity to share those blessings with others. Amen.

#### **\*Hymn #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

#### **\*Benediction: (responsively)**

L: May the grace of the Word of life rest upon you guiding you to see that it is not what enters from the outside that taints, but what comes from within our hearts. May His loving light fill your heart with peace and love.

**P: May our hearts be transformed by Your Word, filling our hearts with God's light. We go out to share light in all we say and do. Amen.**

#### **\*Postlude: Psalm 119**

"Let your love for God change the world BUT never let the world change your love for God".

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Sabbatical** ~ Pastor Scott will be on Sabbatical from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Rev. Pamela Prouty will cover for funerals. In case of any other pastoral emergencies, please contact Bob Alexander at 507-430-4763 or Dave Danielson at 507-616-6141.

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

**September Ushers:** Head Usher: Don Dagner, Scott Goodyear, Rachel Karnitz, Dale & Sandy Starr, Tony & Molly Miller

**September Communion Servers:** Head Server: Michael Joldersma, Servers: Scott Goodyear, Rhonda Joldersma, Shari Fuhr, Mike Bentson, Tony Miller, Dave Danielson

**Deacon of the Month:** Shannon Sweetman

**Today's Greeters:** Michael & Rhonda Joldersma

**September Money Counter:** Tony Miller

**October Money Counter:** Stephanie Klavetter

## Looking at the Weeks Ahead

**Sunday, September 1:** 10:15 am: Worship - Sue Goebel  
**Monday, September 2: Church Offices Closed - Labor Day**  
**Tuesday, September 3:** 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bunny Nolting  
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier  
**Wednesday, September 4:** 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study  
9:00 am: Piecemakers  
9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett  
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study  
6:00 pm: Multi-Generational New Testament Bible Study  
**Thursday, September 5:** All Day: Pastor: Commission on Leadership Meeting-Willmar  
**Friday, September 6: Church Office Closed**

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**Sunday, September 8:** 10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion  
**Afternoon September 8-13: Pastor Scott out of Office - Louisville, KY, GA Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 12:** 5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting

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**Sunday, September 15:** 10:15 am: Worship  
**Monday, September 16:** 11:00 am: Bob Nolting's Funeral  
**September 16-22: Pastor Scott out of Office - Week of Vacation**

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**Sunday, September 22:** 10:15 am: Worship - Sue Goebel  
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 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 local, national, world political leaders.**

**Birthdays:** *Today: Merlin Goudy; 2nd: Jenny Bloedow, 5th: Rick Hauge, Cora Tiffany, Olivia Schneider, 7th: Jackie Venable*

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**  
*Bunny Nolting*

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** *Ralph Revier, Sally Sisk (Julie Fiala's sister)*

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