

## 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:** (from Psalm 136:1-3)

**L:** O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**P:** O give thanks to the God of gods, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**L:** O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**P:** Let us worship God!

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ You do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking Your truth and obeying Your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Special Offering for Alexander Family**

**\*Hymn #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

### **\*Call to Confession**

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Trusting in God's gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray.

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

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with You. The gospel tells us what You have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with You. We establish rules and try to follow them to win Your love. You call us to trust in Your grace and

promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek Your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Children of God, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### **\*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

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir

**Moment for Children:** Michelle Johanneck

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by Your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of Your Word that others may follow Your path, also. Amen.

**Responsive Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-16

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**Sermon Text:** Mark 10:17-31

**Sermon:** "What Are you Willing to Risk?"

Rene Myers

**\*Hymn #100 "The Canticle of Turning"**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

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

**Give Thanks to God**

**Call for the Offering:** (based on 2 Corinthians 9:12)

When the Apostle Paul called for Gentile Christians to contribute to the offering for the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, he reminded them, "for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." Mindful of and grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, let us give generously that we may supply the needs of the saints and overflow with thanksgivings to God.

**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**

Generous and merciful God, we thank You for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from You, our heavenly Father. Amen.

# 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.



**October 13, 2024**

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**\*Hymn #754**      **“Help Us Accept Each Other”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Youth Club** ~ Youth Club invites kids grades K-4 on Wednesdays from 4-5:15 pm.

**Sunday School** ~ Kids ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to join Sunday School on Sundays at 9 am.

**Potluck** ~ A potluck will follow the worship service today. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages, plates, glasses and silverware will be provided.

**Thank You** ~ Thank you Don Dagner for all your work and dedication to the church grounds throughout the summer and thank you for the fall shrub and landscaping cleanup this last week.

**Thank you** ~ Thank you Scott Goodyear for redoing the fabric on the rocker in the nursery! It looks great and is ready for many more years of use!

**Bible Studies** ~ Three Bible Studies are being offered on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to join. Check the church calendar for more details.

**Meals on Wheels** ~ Thank you to everyone who signed up to help the Deacons with Meals on Wheels deliveries. This is a great opportunity to help the community and we couldn't do it without all of you.

**Keys** ~ A set of keys were found at the church, call the church office to claim!

**“Light of the World”** ~ On Saturday, October 19, we are participating in an ecumenical serve with Gloria Dei Church at 5:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Church. Our choir will be joining with the choir from Gloria Dei. Choir practice will be prior to the service at 4 pm, even if you are not a member of the choir, we should still love to have you!

**Turkey Dinner...** It is that time of the year... Mark your calendars... Wednesday, November 6, from 5-7 pm. Tickets have been mailed out, jobs will start to be assigned... If you have not been contacted or need tickets, please contact the church office.

**Imagination Library** ~ Are you an “Imagination Angel”?! It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading. You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with “Imagination Library” in the memo line. Thank you!

**October Ushers:** Head Usher: Nathan Stephens, Val & Claire Stephens, Brian & Stephanie Klavetter, Rick Hauge

**November Communion Servers:** Head Server: Steph Klavetter Servers: Shannon Sweetman, Nathan Stephens, Laura Kohler, Candy Zaske, Drew Osborne, Dave Danielson

**Deacon of the Month:** Mike Bentson

**Today's Greeter:** Don Dagner

**October Money Counter:** Stephanie Klavetter

**November Money Counter:** Leon King

## **Pray for The Following**

**Pray for Members of our Church Family that are currently hospitalized:** Bob Alexander,  
Bob is currently a patient in Robbinsdale. Please keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers.

**Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one:** Kyle Hicks,  
Kyle's mother passed away. Please keep Kyle and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**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: Shane Carroll, Michael Joldersma, 14th: Nick Brozek, Robb Schneider,  
15th: Linda Dahmes, Claire Meyers, 17th: Drew Osborne, 19th: Dorie Oja & Bruce McKay*

**Anniversaries:** *Today: Diane & Allen Cronen*

**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.**

**Calendar of Events** ~ Please look ahead at the calendar of events. Mark your calendars where needed and if you have not already... PLEASE CONFIRM your visits with Pastor Scott by contacting the church office.

**Looking at the Weeks Ahead**

**Sunday, October 13:** 9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker Rene Myers  
Following Worship: Potluck

**Monday, October 14:** **Church Offices Closed - Indigenous Peoples Day**  
Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary  
7:00 pm: Session Meeting

**Tuesday, October 15:** 7:00 pm: Pastor Scott has GA Zoom Meeting  
4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

**Wednesday, October 16:** 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study (Ezekiel)  
9:00 am: Piecemakers  
9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Lois Davis  
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study (1 Maccabees)  
NO YOUTH CLUB  
6:00 pm: Multi-Generational Bible Study (Matthew)

**Thursday, October 17:** 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visit Sue Tiffany  
3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany  
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier

**Saturday, October 19:** 4:00 pm: Choir Practice at Gloria Dei  
5:30 pm: Joint Ecumenical Service at Gloria Dei

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**Sunday, October 20:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Danielson

**Tuesday, October 22:** 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Rick Hauge  
10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Patty Rohne  
3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson

**Wednesday, October 23:** 7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study (Ezekiel)  
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study (1 Maccabees)  
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club  
6:00 pm: Multi-Generational Bible Study (Matthew)

**October 24-31: Pastor Scott is out of the office: Grand Cayman for GA Elected Meeting**

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**Sunday, October 27:** 9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship - Guest Speaker

**Wednesday, October 30:** 4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

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

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