

## Assemble in God's Name

### **Prelude**

### **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: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

L: God is with us and calls us by name.

**P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

L: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

**P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of darkness You offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that You have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve You by serving Your world. Amen.

**Hymn #408**                    **"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

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

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. God will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:8,9) In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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

Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote Your love and peace.

Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in Your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus.

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

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

People of God, You are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. 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

### **Anthem**

Chancel Choir

### **Moment for Children: Dorie Oja**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find wisdom, and in Your will discover Your peace. Amen.

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 29**

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**Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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### **Sermon**

**\*Hymn #69**

**"Here I Am Lord"**

### **Ordination/Installation**

The Ordination of Nancy Miller as a Deacon and the Installation of Adrienne Danielson, Sonya Alexander, Nick Brozek and Nathan Stephens as Ruling Elders and Nancy Miller, Dan Alexander and Shari Fuhr as Deacons.

**Hymn #697**

**"Take My Life" (vs. 1-3)**

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Give Thanks to God**

**Call for the Offering**

Loving God, who guides us with Your everlasting presence, we will now offer our gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may our offerings stand as a testament to Your love and grace. May our tithes and offering bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world.

**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**

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give You glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn #697 "Take My Life" (vs. 4-6)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Church Photos: Reminder... The church office enjoys getting church related photos!!!**

# 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.



**January 12, 2025 ~ Baptism of the Lord**

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**

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**Youth Opportunities** ~ Youth Club invites kids grades K-4 on Wednesdays from 4-5:15 pm.  
Kids age 3 through 4th grade are invited to join Sunday School on Sundays at 9 am.

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

**Upcoming Events** ~ Annual Meeting: Jan. 19

**Bloodmobile** ~ The Deacons need your help! FPC is in charge of the canteen for the Bloodmobile on Monday, January 20. Volunteers to work and food donations are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Deacons Moderator Dan Tiffany.

**January Ushers:** Head Usher Matt Tiffany, Ushers: Kimary Tiffany, Barb Nelson, Dave Danielson, Leon King, Donavon Sharpe

**February Communion Servers:** Head Server Bob Alexander, Servers: Dan Alexander, Bruce Tiffany, Nick Brozek, Katherine Brozek, Dan Tiffany, Sonya Alexander

**January Deacon of the Month:** Dan Alexander

**Today's Greeters:** Dan & Shari Fuhr

**January Money Counters:** Michael Joldersma & Julie Rienstra

### **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: Maddie Hicks, Addelyn Stough, 14th: Deanie Fuhr, Bailey Kramer, 16th: Rosemary Bennett, 17th: Grayson Gregg*

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

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** *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 Weeks Ahead**

**Sunday, January 12:**  
9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 pm: Worship - Ordination/Installation Service

**Monday, January 13:**  
Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary  
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott has GACIER Meeting  
7:30 pm: Session Meeting

**Tuesday, January 14:**  
Church Office Closed  
All Day: Pastor Scott chairs LINC program

**Wednesday, January 15:**  
7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study (Mathew)  
9:00 am: Piecemakers  
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Study (2 Maccabees)  
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

**Thursday, January 16:**  
9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Bunny Nolting  
10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany  
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Todd & Kathy Peterson  
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany  
3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Julie & Ernie Fiala

**Sunday, January 19:**  
9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 pm: Worship  
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Fuhr

**Tuesday, January 21:**  
2:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob & Sonya Alexander  
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Doreen Steenblock  
4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

**Wednesday, January 22:**  
7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study (Matthew)  
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Study (2 Maccabees)  
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

**Sunday, January 26:**  
9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 pm: Worship