

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: Arise! Shine!

P: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

L: Arise! Shine!

P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Arise! Shine!

P: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

L: Arise! Shine!

P: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Prayer of Invocation

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome You in this place. Amen.

Hymn #147 "The First Nowell" (vs. 1-3)

***Call to Confession**

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness:

***Prayer of Confession**

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of Your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not

loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in Your holy way of peace. Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives. The light of God shines through the darkness. Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

***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: Pastor Scott

Hunger Fund Offering

Hymn #147 "The First Nowell" (vs.4-6)

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon

***Hymn #151** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostle's Creed (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

As long ago travelers laid their gifts before the Christ child, we too, bring our gifts with great joy.

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 Light, we take these gifts and present them with love. We rejoice in our ability to share, but long to do more. Help us to be like the magi and carefully plan the gifts we bring You. May we not be satisfied with what is enough, but instead be inspired to do more. May these gifts be used so others may know the hope that is found in You. In His name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #110 "Love Has Come"

Holy Communion

*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:
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January 5, 2025 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

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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 ~ Installation & Ordination Service: Jan. 12, Annual Meeting: Jan. 19

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

January Communion Servers: Head Server Adrienne Danielson, Servers: Shannon Sweetman, Dave Danielson, Dan Alexander, Leon King, Matt Tiffany, Shari Fuhr

January Deacon of the Month: Dan Alexander

Today's Greeters: Butch & Faythe Amberg

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: 30th: Rick Kramer, Savannah Carroll, January 1st: William Prouty, 2nd: Aaron Rohlik, 4th: Ethin Mammen

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.

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.

Calendar of Events ~ Please look ahead at the calendar of events. **PLEASE CONFIRM your visits** with Pastor Scott by contacting the church office.

Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, January 5:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags: Bentson

Tuesday, January 7:

9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Wayne Mann

1:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Merlin Goudy

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Jenifer Hindt

3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Kevin McKay

Wednesday, January 8:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study (Obadiah)

2:00 pm: Apocrypha Study (2 Maccabees)

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

6:00 pm: Multi-Generational Bible Study (Matthew)

Thursday, January 9:

Noon: Pastor Scott has Dollars for Scholars Meeting

1-3:00 pm: Presbytery Committee Meeting - Here

5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting

Sunday, January 12:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 pm: Worship - Ordination/Installation Service

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

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