

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: Psalm 146:5-10

L: Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Almighty Creator,

P: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

L: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed,

P: who gives food to the hungry.

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

P: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

P: The Lord watches over the sojourners;

L: the Lord upholds the widow and the fatherless,

P: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

L: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

P: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive His glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

***Call to Confession**

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of Mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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: Ann Tiffany

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 35:4-10

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Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

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Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-7, 24-38

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Sermon

***Hymn #314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"**

***Affirmation of Faith: From "A Brief Statement of Faith"**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and

threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say “yes” to God's invitation to join in God's Kingdom building work here on earth.

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 Grace, You provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

***Hymn #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

Holy Communion

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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March 16, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

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March Ushers: Head Usher Leon King, Ushers: Butch & Faythe Amberg, Troy Amberg, Mark Oja, Rick Kramer, Jerilyn Kodet, Ryan, Lindsey & Knox Kramer

March Communion Servers - March 16: Head Server: Adrienne Danielson
Servers: Leon King, Dave Danielson, Tony Miller, Bob & Sonya Alexander, Dan Alexander

March Deacon of the Month: Adrienne Danielson

Today's Greeters: Matt & Kimary Tiffany

March Money Counters: Rick Hauge & Dan Tiffany

April Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Julia Fiala

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

Thank you for your donation to the Food Shelf; 167 items (plus 40 travel toothbrushes & dental floss), 46 animal donations and 4 clothing items were donated.

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.

Volunteers Needed ~ Bridge Street Bargains Thrift Store is looking for volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact Jennie at 320-693-8811.

Game Night ~ You are invited to our first game night on March 23, at 4:30 pm. Please feel free to bring your favorite game to share. A meal will be provided, bring your own beverages.

Thank You ~ Dear Congregation, Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, plants, gift certificates, social media messages, the "We Care Poster" and other acts of kindness extended to me after my surgery at North Memorial and my hospital stay in Redwood Falls. You all are awesome. With gratitude and love, Pastor Scott Prouty

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that are currently receiving hospice care:

Sue Tiffany, Sue is at Gilmore Manor in Morgan.

Please keep Sue and her 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: Ella Fuhr, Stacie Hicks, Derek VanderLinden, 21st: Beau Stough, 22nd: Jonathan Sweetman*

Anniversaries: *19th: Jenny & Mark Jansen, 22nd: Kyle & Stacie Hicks, Don & Lorrie Quinn*

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

Bunny Nolting, Todd Peterson, Sue Tiffany

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Shayla Shaw*

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. **PLEASE CONFIRM your visits** with Pastor Scott by contacting the church office.

Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, March 16: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags: Bentson

Monday, March 17: 7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 18: 2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany
3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Kathy Peterson
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott takes communion to Bunny Nolting

Wednesday, March 19: 7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study (Luke)
9:00 am: Piecemakers
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study (2 Esdras)
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

Thursday, March 20: 9:30 am: Pastor Scott takes communion to Rosemary Bennett
11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Merlin Goudy

Saturday, March 22: Morning: Boy Scouts use of Church

Sunday, March 23: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
4:30 pm: Game Night

Monday, March 24: 11:00 am: Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting
Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary Meeting
Evening: Boy Scouts use of Church

Wednesday, March 26: 7:00 am: New Testament Bible Study (Luke)
2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study (2 Esdras)
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

Thursday, March 27: 10:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Bob & Sonya Alexander
3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dave & Adrienne Danielson
7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Nick & Katherine Brozek

Saturday, March 29: All Day: Boy Scouts use of Church

Sunday, March 30: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Sharpe Family
2:00 pm: Presbytery Discussion Group at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Worthington

Monday, March 31: Evening: Boy Scouts us of Church

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

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