

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: (based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)
L: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.
P: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don’t know where we are going.
L: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
P: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

Prayer of Invocation
Almighty God, as we gather here today, we acknowledge Your presence and Your boundless love. We thank You for the gift of this new day and for the opportunity to draw closer to You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts, words, and actions, and help us to live in accordance with Your will. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Call to Confession
Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God’s Word. Let us open our hearts to God’s truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ’s path.

*Unison Prayer of Confession
God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in You and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon
God’s grace is given freely. God’s love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of 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

Prayer of Illumination
God, Your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to Your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand Your message and follow Your will. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Page 1472
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40 Page 1252
Sermon

*Hymn #362 “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”
*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: (2 Corinthians 9:7)
“God loves a cheerful giver.” Let us present our tithes and offerings 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

God of Abundance, everything we have is on loan from You. Help us be good stewards of all Your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.

*Hymn #772 “Live Into Hope”

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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Church Directory ~ It is here!!! The link to sign up for your directory photos was sent out on Friday morning... Check your email!!! If you have trouble signing up, please contact the church office. The Deacons will be available on Sunday morning in the Narthex to also assist with signing up!

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

Per-Capita ~ Have you paid your per-cap for 2025? It is \$46 per person! You can put your check in the offering plate marked “per-cap”.

Position Announcement: Administrative Assistant for the Presbytery ~ The Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys is excited to announce the newly defined position of Administrative Assistant for the Presbytery. Visit the Presbytery of MN Valley’s website for more information or contact the church office.

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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August 10, 2025
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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, August 10:** 10:15 am: Worship
11:15-12:30 pm: Friendship Dinner
- Monday, August 11:** Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary Meeting
7:00 pm: Session Meeting
- Tuesday, August 12:** Noon: Pastor Scott has Ministerial Meeting Here @ Church
- Wednesday, August 13:** 7:00 am: Bible Study (Hebrews)
2:00 pm: Bible Study (Exodus)
- Thursday, August 14:** Pastor Scott is doing a funeral for Art Prouty @ Fort Snelling
- Sunday, August 17:** 10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Backpack Ministry
- Monday, August 18:** All Day: Pastor Scott has Synod Steering meeting in Eagan
- August 19-21: Pastor Scott will be out of the office on Family Leave.**
- Tuesday, August 19:** 4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Ruby’s Pantry
- Wednesday, August 20:** 9:00 am: Piecemakers
- Sunday, August 24:** 10:15 am: Worship
- Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...**
Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

Friendship Dinner ~ Everyone is invited to the August Friendship Dinner following worship today, from **11:15-12:30 pm.** (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!) Bring your friends!

Backpack Ministry ~ The mission committee will be packing backpacks on Sunday, August 17, many hands make for light work. Please help if you can!

August Ushers: Head Usher Kevin McKay
Ushers: Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Kim McKay & Julie Rienstra

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

August Deacon of the Month: Becky Schultz
Today’s Greeter: Gene Schultz

August Money Counters: Bob Alexander & Bruce Tiffany
September Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Nancy Miller

Pray for The Following

- Pray for upcoming surges:** Pam Prouty is having gastric bypass surgery on August 19, at North Memorial in Robbinsdale. Please see her in your prayers.
- 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: *14th: Jennifer Hindt, 15th: Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe, 16th: Sonya Alexander*

Anniversaries: *15th: Shannon & Raymond Sweetman*

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Bunny Nolting, Todd Peterson, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Sue Osborne, Wayne Mann, Shayla Shaw, Doug Mette (Sonya Alexander’s brother-in-law)*

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