

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 80)
L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!
P: Stir up Your might and come to save us!
L: You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.
P: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
L: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;
P: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.
L: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.
P: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

Prayer of Invocation
Dear God, thank You for Your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank You for Your goodness and for Your blessings over us. Thank You that You are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for Your purposes. Thank You for Your great love and care. Thank You for Your mercy and grace. Thank You that You are always with us and will never leave us. Thank You for Your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

***Hymn #730 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”**

***Call to Confession**
Try as we might to follow Jesus, at some point we always fail. But our failure does not have the power to separate us from God. Trusting Christ’s grace, let us confess our sin together:

***Unison Prayer of Confession**
Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust Your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern Your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By Your grace, give us courage to stand for what

is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**
***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, look around! We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us, both saints and sinners. The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness and unites us with one another in bonds of love and kinship. Proclaim the good news with me: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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
Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Page 704
Gospel Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Page 1474
Sermon

***Hymn #326 “For All the Saints”**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice,

freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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 every good gift. Let us return our thanks to God as we receive the morning offering.

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 God, receive these gifts as investments in Your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Use this money and use our lives to bring about the world as You intend it. With gratitude we pray, Amen.

*Hymn #846 “Fight the Good Fight ”

*Benediction

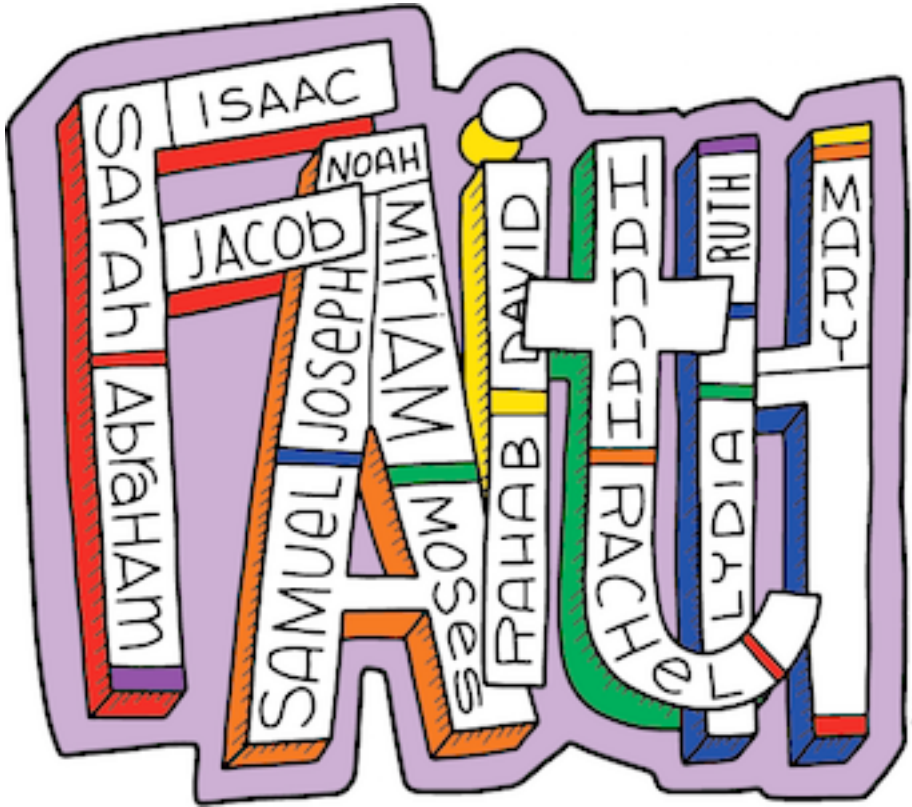
*Postlude

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Church Directory ~ It is here!!! The link to sign up for your directory photos was sent out... 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!
Family Information Forms have been sent out... These forms are needed to be sure all the information in the directory is up to date! If you have not received this form, contact the church office!

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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August 17, 2025

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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 mark your check or envelope “per-cap”and place it in the offering plate.

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.

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 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!

Backpack Ministry ~ The mission committee will be packing backpacks today, following worship, 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 keep 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: *Today: Char Gilland, 18th: Sue Wessels, 20th: Karen Melges, 21st: Elaine Hagen, Julie Salmon*
Anniversaries: *Today: Kory & Brittany Schneider, 18th: Mike & Connie Bentson, 21st: Nathan & Valerie Stephens*

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.