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: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

P: The refreshing springs of God's love clean and restore us.

L: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

P: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.

L: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

P: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that You have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of Your presence and love; to sing Your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve You. Amen.

*Hymn #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16) In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with His teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how

they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve You by serving others.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Even though you doubt and question, God's love is poured on you, in you, and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you that will never fail or abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven. 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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

Gospel Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Sermon

*Hymn #69 "Here I Am, Lord"

The Reaffirmation of Faith: Lonnie Quackenbush & Jennifer Quackenbush

Presentation: Elder Bruce Tiffany

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

Laying on of Hands

Welcome

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

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God calls us and names us. When we respond by walking the road of discipleship—sharing good news, praying and worshipping, loving and serving—our footsteps are on the path of God's unending love. Sharing our financial resources through the church community is another important part of our discipleship journey. As faithful disciples, we give generously in response to God's call.

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

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before You, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in Your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in Your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build Your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of Your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand in body or spirit. Music Used by Permission. OneLicense#742024-A

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.

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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August 24, 2025

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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!

Thank You ~ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Backpack Ministry. It was another successful year!

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

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. <u>PLEASE CONFIRM your visits</u> with Pastor Scott by contacting the church office.

Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, August 24: 10:15 am: Worship

Monday, August 25: 11:00 am: Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting

Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary Meeting

Wednesday, August 27: 7:00 am: Bible Study

2:00 pm: Bible Study

Thursday, August 28: Noon: Pastor Scott has SEI Board Meeting

3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Julie Rienstra

7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan & Maria Alexander

Sunday, August 31: 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!

August Ushers: Head Usher Kevin McKay

Ushers: Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Kim McKay & Julie Rienstra

<u>September Communion Servers:</u> 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 Greeters: Shawn & LeAnne Corder

August Money Counters: Bob Alexander & Bruce Tiffany

September Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Nancy Miller

Pray for The Following

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: 25th: Lorrie Quinn, Donavan Sharpe, 27th: Sue Osborne, 29th: Tori Fuhr

Anniversaries: 25th: Mark & Deanie Fuhr

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.