

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.

Advent Candle Lighting Service: Klavetter/Stephens Family

Hymn #82 “Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (vs 1)

*Call to Worship: (based on Isaiah 11: 1-10)

L: A shoot shall come forth from Jesse’s stump,

P: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.

L: He will judge the poor with righteousness, and the meek with equity;

P: He will be clothed with righteousness and faithfulness.

L: The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together;

P: the leopard and the kid will lie down side by side.

L: The cow and the bear will graze together; the lion will eat straw like the ox,

P: and a little child will lead them all.

L: They will neither hurt nor destroy on God’s holy mountain,

P: for the earth will be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters fill the sea.

*Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, as we gather on this Second Sunday of Advent, we seek Your presence to guide and comfort us. The world is filled with so much unrest. We pray for Your peace to break through the noise and chaos. Fill us with Your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, that we may be a source of peace and reconciliation for others. May we be inspired to live with hope and purpose, reflecting your love and grace in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

*Call to Confession

We hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord and make God’s paths straight.” Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ as we confess our sin together:

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of Grace, we confess that we are not ready for You to come into our world not quite yet. We cling to the known and familiar, afraid of the transformation Your grace will bring. Yet You are always a step ahead of us, a voice crying out in the wilderness, inviting us into to bold new ways of being disciples. Humble us, O God, and teach us to do the work of repentance so that, fully reliant on Your grace, we may know the richness of restored relationship with You and one another.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, hear the good news: God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Before we repent and change our ways, God’s love has already claimed us as God’s own. Proclaim with me the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Response: Hymn #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs. 1)

*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

Proclaim God’s Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of 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: Romans 15:4-13 Page 1380

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 Page 1140

Sermon

*Hymn #105 “People, Look East”

*Affirmation of Faith: (adapted from The Confession of 1967)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing

the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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, pouring out grace upon grace on us and our world. Let us give back a portion of those gifts as we receive the morning offering.

God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

***Responsive Hymn: #144 “In The Bleak Midwinter” (vs. 4)**

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, as we offer our gifts today, we do so with hearts that long for Your renewal. Just as John the Baptist called us to prepare the way of the Lord, we repent of the ways where we have failed to live faithfully. May these offerings be an outward sign of our desire to turn our hearts toward You, to bear good fruit, and to serve You with integrity. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #145 “What Child is This”**

Holy Communion

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.
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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.

Mark Your Calendars ~ Annual Reports are due **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19!** If you have any questions, contact the church office!

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:
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December 7, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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Friendship Dinner ~ Everyone is invited to our December Friendship Dinner on Sunday, December 14, following worship. Scalloped potatoes & ham, green bean casserole and desserts will be served. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up where you can!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ We will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 pm, following by the Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to RSVP and for donations to the dinner. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the reason for the season.

December Ushers: Head Usher Dan Fuhr
Ushers: Shari & Lucas Fuhr, Brent Prouty, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, Keegan, Shellie, Kyron & Ethan Mammen

December Communion Servers: Head Server: Adrienne Danielson
Servers: Shari Fuhr, Dave Danielson, Julie Fiala, Tony & Molly Miller, Dan Tiffany

December Deacon of the Month: Leon King
Today’s Greeter: Adrienne Danielson

December Money Counters: Bob Alexander & Shannon Sweetman

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: *11th: Tony Miller, 13th: Marlys Mathiowetz*

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

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Gerry Hess, Wayne Mann, Sue Osborne, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw*

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

Calendar of Events

Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, December 7:	9:00 am: Sunday School
	9:15 am: Choir Practice
	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion
	Following Worship: Congregational Meeting
	Packing Weekend Food Bags: Brozek Family
Monday, December 8:	1:30 pm: Pastor Scott has a Zoom Meeting
	6:00 pm: Confirmation
Tuesday, December 9:	Evening: Boy Scouts Use of Church
	11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Leon King
	2:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lonnie & Jennifer Quackenbush
	4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dan Tiffany
Wednesday, December 10:	7:00 am: Bible Study
	2:00 pm: Bible Study
	4-5:15 pm: Youth Club
	5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting @ Manse
Sunday, December 14:	9:00 am: Sunday School
	9:15 am: Choir Practice
	10:15 am: Worship - Children & Adult Choir Christmas Program
	Following Worship: Friendship Dinner
	6:00 pm: Confirmation

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

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