

**Prelude**  
**Ringling of the Church Bell**  
**Welcome**  
**Read Vision Statement**

**\*Call to Worship:** (from Psalm 148) Confirmation student Henry Bentson

**P: May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!**

**P: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.**

Holy God, as we gather, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus and the new life it brings.

Help us to trust Your presence, find joy in Your love, and walk in the light of Your truth as

we begin this year, bringing peace and justice to the world. Amen.

## \*Call to Confession

On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from You and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in Your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of Your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by Your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as Your own children.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In His name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Thanks be to God!

*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**

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir

## Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

O God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us so that the words we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us this day. Help us to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

## Responsive Reading: Acts 10:34-43

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**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17

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# Sermon

## The Ordination and Installation of Officers

## The Apostle's Creed: (page 35 in hymnal)

## Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

## Call for the Offering

On the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we celebrate the great gift of Baptism and the life of promise therein. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

## 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**

O God, in our baptisms we have been named and claimed as Your covenant people, connected deeply with You, with one another, and with the earth. May these gifts be used as a witness to Your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

**\*Hymn #697**                    *“Take My Life” (vs. 4-6)*

**\*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.

**2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person**

**Pastor Scott’s Celebration** ~ Following Pastor Scott’s final service on January 25, at FPC. We will have a catered meal. Please RSVP to the church office or on the sheet in the Narthex by January 18! Thank You!

**Friendship Dinner** ~ The Deacons are having their January Friendship Dinner today, following worship! Everyone is welcome!

**Ruby’s Pantry** ~ The next Ruby’s Pantry is January 20. Visit their Facebook page to volunteer!

**Annual Meeting** ~ Our Annual Meeting is next Sunday, following worship. Annual Report Drafts are available in the back of the Narthex.

**January Ushers:** Head Usher: Matt Tiffany  
Ushers: Kimary Tiffany, Barb Nelson, Drew Osborne, Linda Boyer, Michael & Rhonda Joldersma

**February Communion Servers:** Head Server: Bob Alexander  
Servers: Bruce Tiffany, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Dan Tiffany, Gene Schultz, Dave Danielson

**January Deacon of the Month:** Julie Fiala

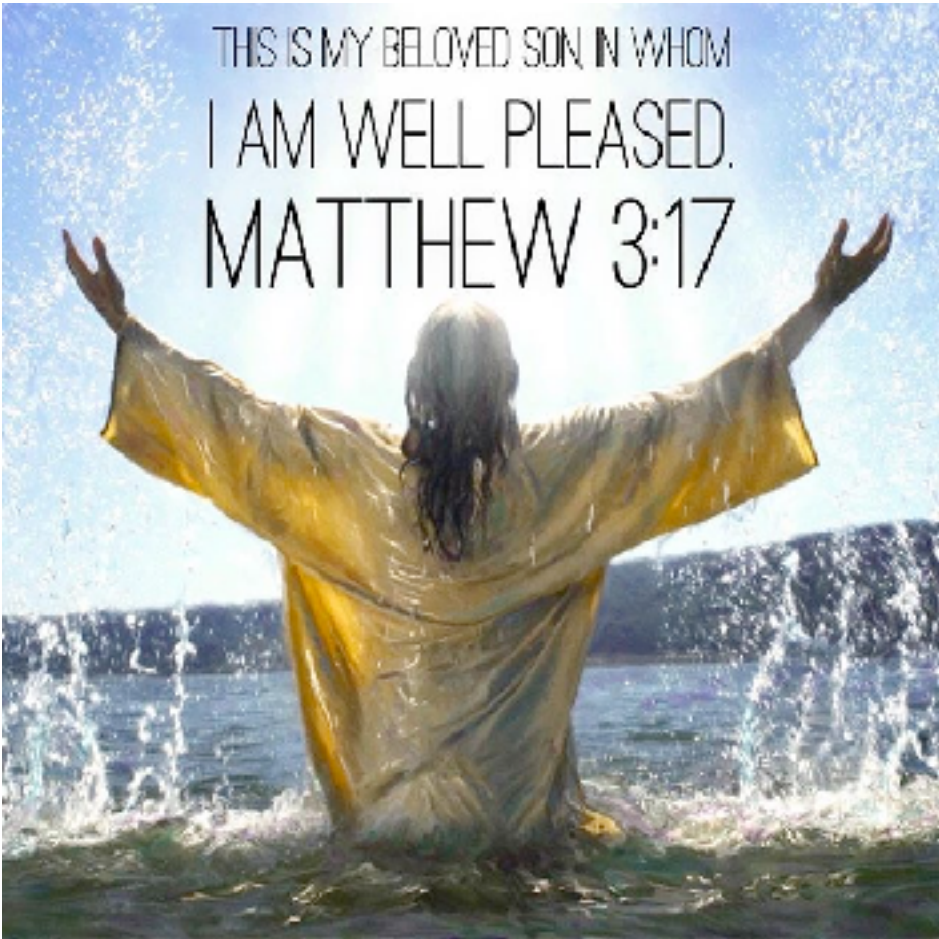
**Today’s Greeters:** Dan & Shari Fuhr

**January Money Counters:** Michael Joldersma & Stephanie Klavetter

**February Money Counters:** Bob Alexander & Shari Fuhr

**First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls**

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:  
God’s timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.



**January 11, 2026**

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

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**New Church Office Hours**

Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesday: 11 am- 2 pm  
Wednesday: Office Closed  
Thursday: 11 am- 2 pm  
Friday: 8 am- 2 pm

**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:** *16th: Rosemary Bennett*  
**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**  
*Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes*  
**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, January 11:** 9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship - Installation/Ordination of Officers  
Following Worship: Friendship Dinner  
6:00 pm: Confirmation

**Monday, January 12:** Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary  
5:30-9:00 pm: Boy Scouts use of Church  
7:00 pm: Session Meeting

**Tuesday, January 13:** Pastor Scott visits Deb & Gerry Hess  
Pastor Scott visits Marlys Verdoes

**Wednesday, January 14:** 7:00 am: Bible Study  
3:00 pm: Bible Study  
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club  
5:30 pm: Deacon Meeting  
Chimes Deadline

**Saturday, January 17:** 9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Annual Meeting  
Packing Weekend Food Bags: Fuhr Family  
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!**

## Ordination and Installation of Officers

### Sentence of Scripture

L: There are varieties of gifts, but is the same Spirit who gives them.

**P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### Statement of Ordination

L: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to a particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

Ruling Elder Robert Alexander: Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church now ordains and installs Gene Schultz as a ruling elder and Amber Kleinhuisen as a deacon. The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained including deacons Adrienne Danielson, Mike Bentson, Shannon Sweetman and ruling elders Shawn Corder and Rick Hauge.

### Profession of Faith

L: As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Candidates: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

**Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

### Constitutional Questions

L: Rick, Shawn, Gene, Amber, Adrienne, Shannon, Mike, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.

L: Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

L: Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Candidates: I do.

L: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Candidates: I do and I will.

L: Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Candidates: I will

L: Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

Candidates: I will

L: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Candidates: I will.

L: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Candidates: I do.

L: Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Candidates: I will.

L: For Deacons, Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Deacon Candidates: I will.

L: For Ruling Elders, will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Elder Candidate: I will

Robert Alexander: Do we the members of the church, accept Shawn Corder, Rick Hauge, Gene Shultz as ruling elders and Shannon Sweetman, Michael Bentson, Amber Kleinhuizen as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Robert Alexander: Do agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**Congregation: We do.**

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

L: I invite all ordained Ruling Elders, Deacons and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament to come forward for the laying on of hands as we ordain Amber Kleinhuizen as deacon and Gene Shultz as a ruling elder. Amber and Gene please kneel if able.

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also, with you.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages and in every place, you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace. We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone, for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace; for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and truth; for leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness. Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

L: Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servants Amber and Gene whom you have called by baptism as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

L: Gracious God, we also give you thanks for your servants, Rick, Shawn, Adrienne, Shannon and Mike as they continue in the ministry to which you have called them. Help them to rely on the gifts of your Spirit and to follow Christ faithfully in this calling.

L: Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

Ruling Elder Robert Alexander: Gracious God, pour your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain your church in ministry . Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. Lois, you may stand up.

**Declaration of Ordination**

L: Gene you are a ruling elder and Amber, you are a deacon ordained to the ministry of service in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

**Welcome**

Newly Ordained and/or Installed Deacons and Ruling Elders are Welcomed by Deacons, Ruling Elders and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament