

## 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: See, the light of hope is upon us!

### P: Rejoice in the coming of God!

L: We were once a people who lived in darkness, but now we see.

### P: Righteousness, justice, and prosperity are pouring down upon God's people.

L: The poor are defended, the needy are delivered, and the oppressor is crushed.

### P: Yes, the darkness of evil is dispelled and the light of Redemption shines.

L: It shines brightly for Magi, for shepherds, for Mary and Joseph for Jew and Gentile.

### P: It shines leading homeward to the place where God reigns gathering her children.

L: Come and see the light: the Baby Jesus lying in a manger, Emmanuel, God with us.

### P: Bring him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

L: Bring your heart and be filled with his radiance.

### P: Proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to Your light and kings to the brightness of Your rising; Fill the world with Your glory, and show Yourself to all the nations; through Him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### \*Hymn #151      *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

### \*Call to Confession

God judges the nations with righteousness and answers the poor with justice. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of Glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*Silent Prayers of Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Look anew and know that God is merciful, caring for us even in the midst of our rebellion. Seek the Light and it will be found, for God's eternal plan is our redemption. Lift up your heads, forgiven of God, and rejoice in your salvation. Amen!

### \*Response: #582      *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

### \*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

## Proclaim God's Word

### Anthem: Chancel Choir

### Moment for Children:

### Prayer of Illumination

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, shine your divine radiance upon us this Epiphany. Unveil the mystery of your glory, making known your presence to all nations. Illuminate our hearts, that we may see and follow your star, displacing the shadows of doubt and despair with your saving truth. Amen.

### Responsive Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

### Sermon

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### \*Hymn #147      *"The First Nowell"*

### The Holy Baptism of Lucas David Alexander

### Presentation: Elders Bob & Sonya Alexander

### Profession of Faith

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

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

### Baptism

### Welcome

### \*Hymn #188      *"Jesus Loves Me"*

### Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

## Give Thanks to God

### Call for the Offering

Radiant God, the light of Your wisdom and love shines for all who seek You, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn Your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ You've given us.

**God's Tithes and Your Offering Received  
Offertory**

**\*Responsive Hymn: #647 "Give Thanks"**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that You have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to Your work in this world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

**\*Hymn #152 "What Star is This, with Beams so Bright"**

**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.

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

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

**December Ushers:** Head Usher: Matt Tiffany

Ushers: Kimary Tiffany, Barb Nelson, Drew Osborne, Linda Boyer, Micheal & Rhonda Joldersma

**January Communion Servers:** Head Server: Rick Hauge

Servers: Shannon Sweetman, Dan Alexander, Leon King, Matt Tiffany, Shari Fuhr, Julie Rienstra

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

**Today's Greeters:** Butch & Faythe Amberg

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

# **First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls**

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:  
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in our community and in our world.



**January 4, 2026**

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### **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:** Today: Ethin Mammen, 9th: Scott Mann

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**

Bunny Nolting, 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, January 4:** 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion/Holy Baptism  
Following Worship: Alexander Family Use of Church

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags - Pastor Scott & Friends

**Monday, January 5:** 5:30-9:00 pm: Boy Scouts use of Church

**Tuesday, January 6:** 9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Rosemary Bennett  
10:45 am: Pastor Scott visits Merlin Goudy  
2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Wayne Mann  
4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lois Tiffany

**Wednesday, January 7:** 7:00 am: Bible Study  
9:00 am: Piecemakers  
3:00 pm: Bible Study  
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

**Thursday, January 8:** 10:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Bunny Nolting  
Noon: Pastor Scott has Dollars for Scholars Meeting

**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

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

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