

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude *"Forty Days and Forty Nights"*

Ring of the Church Bell

Welcome/Greeting

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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/Greeting:** Confirmation student Elliott Klavetter

L: For forty days and forty nights,

P: led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.

L: For forty days and forty nights,

P: we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.

***Prayer of Invocation:** Confirmation student Elliott Klavetter

L: Bless us O God,

P: With a reverent sense of Your presence, so that we may be at peace and worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #649** *"Amazing Grace"*

***Call to Confession**

L: When we stay silent,

P: when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away.

L: Our guilt turns into shame that eats away at us like a poison.

P: God calls us to repent and be healed; let us turn to God.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from Your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to You: trusting that You do forgive our sins.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Brothers and Sisters, be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

P: God does not count our sins against us, but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

***Responsive Hymn: #166** *"Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days"*

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

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Cancel Choir

Moment for Children: Dorie Oja

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by Your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with Your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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Message: Rev. Anna Williamson

*Hymn #840 *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

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

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

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory *"Sarabande"* Composer: Handel

*Responsive Hymn #606 *"Doxology"*

*Thanksgiving Prayer

L: God of grace, You have gifted us with life in Christ.

P: Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be Your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter Your good news. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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February 22, 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

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Prayers of the People

Prayers of Intercession

L: In Christ Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness and suffering; therefore, with boldness, let us seek God's grace. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

With boldness, we pray for the church . . .

P: O Lord our God, let us worship You alone. Feed us with Your Word, our daily bread, and lift us up on the wings of Your Spirit.

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: With boldness, we pray for the earth . . .

P: In the garden of Eden You have made, help use to choose the paths of life, for the sake of Your good creation.

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: With boldness, we pray for all nations . . .

P: Destroy the dominion of death: warfare, corruption, pollution, and hate; give life to all people through Christ.

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: With boldness, we pray for this community . . .

P: Feed those who are famished; humble the high and mighty; protect those who are on the edge of despair.

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: With boldness, we pray for loved ones . . .

P: Hear the prayers of all who suffer— whether in silence or with loud cries—surround them with Your saving grace.

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

P: To You, O God, we entrust these prayers, knowing that You alone can provide grace to help in our time of need; in the name of our great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. Amen.

Hebrews 4:14–16

*Blessing and Charge

L: Together we remember the blessing shared-

P: May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen!

Psalm 51:1, 11

L: Beloved of God, remember the words of the Lord Jesus:

P: If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me. Amen.

Mark 8:34

*Hymn #546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Boy Scouts~ The boy scouts are looking for opportunities to volunteer. If you know of any opportunities, please contact Amanda Keppers at amandakeppers@yahoo.com.

Friendship Dinner ~ The Deacon's next Friendship Dinner is **Sunday, March 8**. Chili and cornbread will be served, everyone is welcome! There is a signup sheet in the narthex for donations towards the dinner.

February Usher: Head Ushers: Sonya Alexander

Ushers: Dan Alexander, Kyle Hicks, Bob Alexander, Butch, Faythe and Troy Amberg

March Communion Servers: Head Server: Adrienne Danielson

Servers: Leon King, Dave Danielson, Tony Miller, Bob & Sonya Alexander, Nancy Miller

February Deacon of the Month: Dan Alexander

Today's Greeter: Kathy Peterson

February Money Counters: Bob Alexander & Shari Fuhr

March Money Counters: Rick Hauge & Dan Tiffany

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: Lee Davis, Randy Juell

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, February 22: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship with Rev. Anna Williamson

Monday, February 23: 5:30-9:00 pm: Boy Scouts Use of Church

Wednesday, February 25: 8:00 am: Bible Study
3:00 pm: Bible Study

Sunday, March 1: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Quentin Markfort

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags: James Palmer Family

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

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