

## Assemble in God's Name

### Prelude

### Ringling 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:** Confirmation student Henry Bentson

One: God calls us to leave what is familiar and follow where grace leads.

**All: We come, trusting the promise we cannot yet see.**

One: God keeps watch over all who journey by faith.

**All: Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God offers new life, born of Spirit and truth.

**All: Let us worship the God who calls us forward in faith.**

**\*Prayer of Invocation:** Confirmation student Henry Bentson

God of Light and Truth, You are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim Your glory and sing Your praise, for You have shown us Your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn #475**      *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

### \*Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### \*Prayer of Confession:

Mighty God, lover of justice, You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from You. Turn us to seek Your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You, our God. Amen.

### \*Silent Prayers of Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

**\*Responsive Hymn: #366**      *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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

## Proclaim God's Word

**Anthem:** Cancel Choir

### Moment for Children

### Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 The Lord will not let your | foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you all asleep.

**4 Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**6 the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will | keep your life.

**8 The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

### Scripture Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” 3 Jesus answered him,

“Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”.

**Message:** Quentin Markfort

**\*Hymn #69**                    *“I the Lord of Sea and Sky”*

**\*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**

Blessed are You, God of all creation; through Your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for Your glory and for the service of Your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received**

**Offertory**

**\*Responsive Hymn #606 “Doxology”**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of all mercies, we give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. To You alone be given thanks and praise in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, **Amen.**

## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:  
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**March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent**

**Quentin Markfort**

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**\*Hymn #547**      *“Go My Children, With My Blessing”*

**\*Benediction**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

**\*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.

**Thank You ~** Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and helped work/serve at the bloodmobile. ~ The Deacons

**March Ushers:** Head Usher: Leon King

Ushers: Nick, Katherine & Eloise Brozek, Mark Oja, Ryan, Lindsey & Knox Kramer, Julie Fiala

**March Communion Servers:** Head Server: Adrienne Danielson

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

**February Deacon of the Month:** Adrienne Danielson

**Today’s Greeter:** Abby Palmer

**March Money Counters:** Rick Hauge & Dan Tiffany

**April Money Counters:** Michael Joldersma & Julie Fiala

**Office Hours:**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11am-2pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 11am-2pm

Friday: 8am-2 pm

**Pray for The Following**

**Pray for Members of our Church Family currently hospitalized:** Sue Osborne

**Pray for Members of our Church Family:** Rhonda Joldersma, Rhonda fractured her foot.

**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: Kaden Hicks, 3rd: Stephanie Klavetter, 7th: Matthew Prouty

**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, 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

**Monday, March 2:** 5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church

**Wednesday, March 4:** 8:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

**Sunday, March 8:** 9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship/Holy Communion with Paul Snyder

Following Worship: Friendship Dinner

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

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