

## Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude**  
**Ring 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, James Palmer

L: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

**P: The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us,**

L: who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.

**P: This is our God! Let's worship Him together!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation:** Confirmation Student, James Palmer

O God our Shepherd, You know Your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by Your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in Your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn #403**      ***"Open Now the Gates of Beauty"***

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, You called us by name and pledged Your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter Your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with You forevermore. Amen.

**\*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Christ suffered for you. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For, we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. **Amen.**

**\*Response: #473**      ***"Shepherd Me, O God"*** (x2)

*Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

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

## Proclaim God's Word

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir

**Moment for Children:** Quentin Markfort

**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.**

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 2:42-47

*42 [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 23

*1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

**2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

*3 You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.*

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

*5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Gospel:** John 10: 1-10

*[Jesus said:] 1 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

## Sermon

Quentin Markfort

- \*Hymn #192 *“Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining”*
- \*The Apostle’s Creed: (page 35 in hymnal)

## Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### The Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in Your mercy,  
C: hear our 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 *“The Doxology”*

*1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give You glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world You love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### \*Hymn #187 *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

### \*Benediction

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless You now and forever. **Amen.**

### \*Postlude

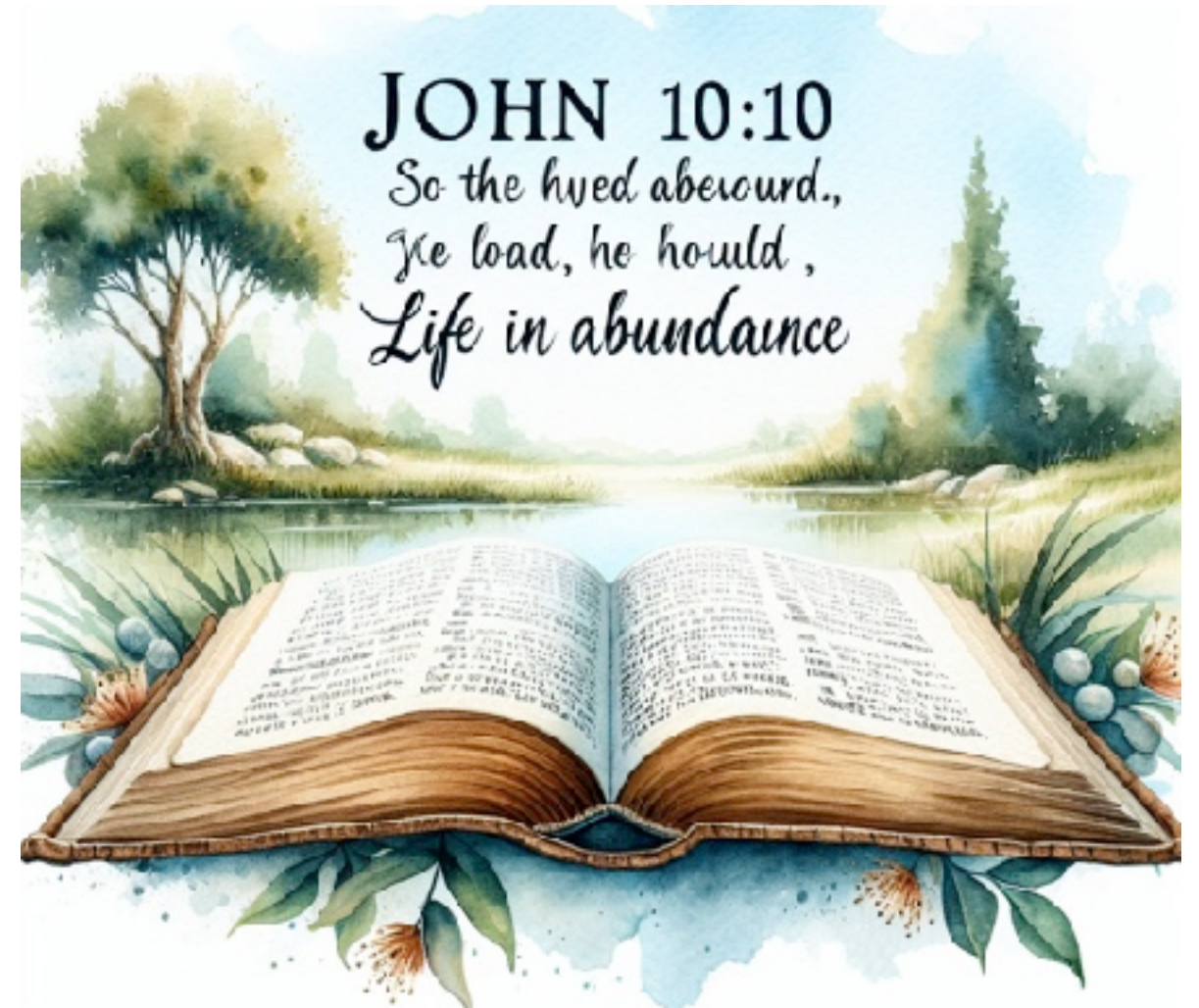
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**2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person**

## 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.



**April 26, 2026, 4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Quentin Markfort**

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**Rummage Sale** ~ Mark your calendars... Our Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 30-May 2! We are accepting gently used items. Items may be brought to the Youth Chapel. Please no electronics or large furniture.

**Help Needed** ~ We are looking for helping hand following worship **TODAY** to help move tables and chairs for the rummage sale! We could also use help starting on **Monday at 9am** getting things unpacked and set up.

**April Ushers:** Head Usher: Bruce Tiffany

Ushers: Laura Kohler, Don & Lorrie Quinn, Kim McKay, Kevin McKay, David Danielson

**May Ushers:** Head Usher: Rhonda Joldersma

Ushers: Michael Joldersma, Tom & Barb Stough, Shawn & LeAnne Corder, Donavon Sharpe

**May Communion Servers:** Head Server: Gene Schultz

Servers: Nick Brozek, Nathan Stephens, Shawn Corder, Scott Goodyear, Paul Hagen, Becky Schultz

**April Deacon of the Month:** Shari Fuhr

**Today's Greeter:** Kim McKay

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

**May Money Counters:** Rick Hauge & Nick Brozek

**Office Hours:**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11am-2pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 11am-2pm

Friday: 8am-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.**

**April Birthdays:** 29th: Kathy Peterson, Eliza Bentson, May 2nd: Henry Bentson, Lois Tiffany

**April Anniversaries:** 27th: Gene & Becky Schultz

**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, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister*

**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, April 26:**

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags: Ann & Dorie

**Monday, April 27:**

5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

**Wednesday, April 29:**

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN: 11-2**

8:00 am: Bible Study

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

**Thursday, April 30:**

1-6:00 pm: Rummage Sale

**Friday, May 1:**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

10-6:00 pm: Rummage Sale

**Saturday, May 2:**

9-Noon: Rummage Sale

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**Sunday, May 3:**

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion/Quentin Markfort

**Monday, May 4:**

5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

**Wednesday, May 6:**

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN: 11-2**

8:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

**Thursday, May 7:**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday, May 8:**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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**Sunday, May 10:**

**Youth/Senior Sunday**

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion/Quentin Markfort

Following Worship: Friendship Dinner

Packing Weekend Food Bags

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

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