

## 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, Elliott Klavetter

L: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

**P: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

L: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

**P: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

L: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

**P: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

L: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

**P: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation:** Confirmation Student, Elliott Klavetter

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of His commandments, and to share His risen life with all the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn #15**      ***"All Creatures of Our God and King"***

### **\*Call to Confession**

#### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

God of Compassionate Mercy, Your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as You forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for Your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow You.

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

#### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus promised His followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. Alleluia, Amen!

**\*Response: #442**      ***"Just as I Am, without One Plea"*** (vs. 1)

*1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**\*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:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

*2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," 8 and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.*

**2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

*3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.*

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

*5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.*

**15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

*16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."*

**Gospel:** John 14:1-14

*[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

*8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”*

**Sermon**

\*Hymn #246 *“Christ is Alive”*

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

Quentin Markfort

**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.*

# 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.



**May 3, 2026, 5th Sunday of Easter**

**Quentin Markfort**

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### \*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 #238 *“Thine is the Glory”*

### Holy Communion

#### \*Benediction

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and will do this. **Amen.**

#### \*Postlude

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**Thank You** ~ A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped make our church rummage sale a success! Your time, effort, and generosity are deeply appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you!

**Senior/Youth Sunday** ~ On **Sunday, May 10**, we will celebrate Senior/Youth Sunday! Our youth will sharing a special program, highlighting their talents and faith. We will honor our graduating seniors, Lauren Miller & Ethin Mammen, for their accomplishments and the next chapter of their lives. Lauren Miller will deliver the message for this special service. Please join us as we celebrate our youth and seniors!

**Friendship Dinner** ~ Join us for the Deacons' monthly Friendship Dinner on **Sunday, May 10**, following worship. This month, we'll be serving a delicious baked potato bar with all the toppings! It's a perfect opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy a great meal together and honor our mothers! **There is a signup sheet in the narthex for donations needed.**

**The Choices Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign** ~ We are excited to support The Choices Pregnancy Center through their annual Baby Bottle Campaign, Mother's Day - Father's Day! This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in so many lives.

**How You Can Help: Pick up a baby bottle from the back of the sanctuary today. Fill it with spare change, cash, or a check over the next few weeks. Return the filled bottle to the church by June 21!** Your generous contributions will help provide life-affirming services, education, and support for families in our community. Together we can make a BIG impact!

**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

**May Deacon of the Month:** Laura Kohler

**Today's Greeters:** Bob & Sonya Alexander

**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.**

**May Birthdays:** 3rd: Mark Oja, 11th: Greg Dording, 13th: Dallas & Savannah Kleinhuizen, 18th: Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels, 22nd: Dan Fuhr, Jim Palmer, 25th: Preston Brozek, 30th: Lucas Fuhr

**May Anniversaries:** 4th: Gerry & Deb Hess, 19th: Bruce & Ann Tiffany

**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, 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: LAST Sunday School/Confirmation  
10:15 am: Worship  
Following Worship: Friendship Dinner  
Packing Weekend Food Bags

**Monday, May 11:** 5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

**Wednesday, May 13:** 8:00 am: Bible Study  
3:00 pm: Bible Study  
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club  
5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

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**Sunday, May 17:** 9:15 am: LAST Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship - Quentin Markfort

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

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