

Prelude
Ringling of the Church Bell
Welcome
Read Vision Statement

*Call to Worship

L: God is great and greatly to be praised;

P: There is no end to God's greatness.

L: God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

P: God's dominion endures throughout all ages.

*Prayer of Invocation

Divine Ruler, You reign forever. We exalt You above every struggle and distraction. Fill our hearts with Your desires and give us the courage to pursue Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We look to You, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn #403** *“Open Now the Gates of Beauty”*

*Call to Confession

When we call upon God, God answers. Even when our steps stray from God's path, even when our feet slip, God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer silently our prayers of confession.

*Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray) **Generous God, You freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at Your gifts, about things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of Your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.**

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon

God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward. Thanks be to God!

Response: #647** ***"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

2 And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life You speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to Your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. 28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." 29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel [b] saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." 31 The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel,[c] and he was limping because of his hip.

Gospel: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer— it does not rise from deceitful lips. 2 Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. 3 Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. 4 Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. 5 My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. 6 I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. 7 Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

15 As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Sermon

Dennis Peterson

Hymn #42 *“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is True”

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

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen"

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

L: Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . . Let the mission and ministry of Your church be a sign of Your miraculous grace, feeding the hungry in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . . The eyes of all Your creatures look to You, for You give them their food in due season. Open Your hand, to touch and heal the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . . Hear the voices of those who cry for justice; answer the prayers of those who struggle for peace. Let your rule of love prevail throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . . Teach us to use the resources You have given us to respond to the hunger of our neighbors, sharing Christ with them, in word and in bread. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . . Show Your compassion to those who suffer, uphold those who are falling, and be near to those who cry to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray to You, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to Your purpose. Above all, we give You thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Amen.

L: Let us pray the prayer the Lord taught us:

P: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives and offerings to the Lord.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received
Offertory

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.



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***Responsive Hymn: #606 “The Doxology”**
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**
God of unending gifts, we praise You for Your abundant goodness. As You are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend Your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by Your goodness and grace. Amen.

***Hymn #833 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”**
***Benediction**
***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

Friendship Dinner ~ Everyone is invited to the next Friendship Dinner on **Sunday, August 9, AT 11:15 AM, FOLLOWING CHURCH!** We will be serving cold sandwiches and sides. Everyone is welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who can help!

Faith & Ag Farm Tour ~ Minnesota Valleys Presbytery is excited to invite people from across our churches and communities to a special Faith & Agriculture Farm Tour on **Sunday, August 9**, at 3 pm, at Tiffany Family Farms. This event is open to everyone—not only members of our Presbyterian churches. To help us plan for attendance and refreshments, we are asking participants to RSVP. RSVP Link: [RSVP](#)



August Ushers: Head Usher: Adrienne Danielson
Ushers: Dave Danielson, Kevin McKay, Kim McKay, Rick Hauge, Scott & Laura Kohler

August Communion Servers (August 9): Head Server: Shawn Corder
Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, Stephanie Klavetter, Paul Hagen, Dave Danielson, Laura Kohler

August Deacon of the Month: Becky Schultz
Today’s Greeter: Dan Tiffany

August Money Counters: Bob Alexander & Bruce Tiffany
September Money Counters: Michael Joldersma, Nancy Miller

Pray for The Following
For Prayers: Please contact the Prayer Chain: Char Gilland @ 507- 640 - 0210
Pray for members of our Church Family that have gently passed away: Merlin Goudy; Merlin passed away on Monday, July 27. Merlin’s funeral will be held on August 7, at 11am, at the church. Visitation is 9:30-11 am, prior to the funeral.
Please keep Merlin’s family and your thoughts and prayers.
Pray for friends of our congregation: Corey Rienstra; Corey recently sustained injuries in a car accident, he is recovering at home. Please continue to keep Corey in your thoughts and prayers.
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.

August Birthdays: 2nd: Emma, Harper, Haven & Taylee Johanneck, 3rd: Thomas Miller, Barb Stough, 4th: Lillian Alexander, 7th: Lyrik Kramer, 10th: Kanyon Hicks, 11th: August & Corrine Danielson, 14th: Jenifer Hindt, 15th: Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe, 16th: Sonya Alexander, 17th: Char Gilland, 18th: Sue Wessels, 21st: Elaine Hagen, Julia Salmon, 25th: Lorrie Quinn, Donavan Sharpe
August Anniversaries: 3rd: Paul & Elaine Hagen, 6th: Tony & Molly Miller, 15th: Ray & Shannon Sweetman, 18th: Mike & Connie Bentson, 21st: Nathan & Val Stephens
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, August 2:	10:15 am: Worship - Dennis Peterson
Wednesday, August 5:	8:00 am: Bible Study
	9:00 am: Piecemakers
	3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 9:	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion - Elaine Boyd
	Following Worship: Friendship Dinner
	3:00 pm: Faith & Ag Farm Tour at the Tiffany Farm
Wednesday, August 12:	Church Office Hours: 8 am-2pm
	8:00 am: Bible Study
	3:00 pm: Bible Study
Thursday, August 13:	All Day: Presbytery Use of Church
Thursday & Friday, August 13 & 14: Church Office Closed	
Sunday, August 16:	10:15 am: Worship
	Following Worship: Backpack Ministry
Tuesday, August 18:	6:30 pm: Scouts Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 19:	8:00 am: Bible Study
	9:00 am: Piecemakers
	3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 23:	10:15 am: Worship
Monday, August 24:	5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church
Wednesday, August 26:	8:00 am: Bible Study
	3:00 pm: Bible Study

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

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