

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.

July 12, 2026 ~ Worship in the Park

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome

Read Vision Statement

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***Call to Worship**

L: The very word of God is a light to our feet

P: a lamp to our path.

L: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

P: to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

L: We gather this day,

P: to worship God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

God of Love, we praise Your name for the power and grace You have displayed throughout the creation and within our lives. What holy ground we stand on when we are gathered in Your presence! Remind us that this is sacred space. We come before You not with complacency, but with gratitude and reverence. In this time of worship, turn our minds away from thoughts of all we have to do and free us to consider instead all that we are called to be. Remove all that distracts us so that we may see You clearly. In the promise of Your certain presence, let us draw deeply of the peace that is ours through the Holy Spirit. Our worship is for You and the greatness of Your name. Amen.

Hymn #12 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***Call to Confession**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all creation. Confident of this promise, we come before God and one another to confess our sins, repent and seek God's forgiveness first in silence and then together.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of Love, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do Your will. This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake.

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Response: #581 *"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Unison Prayer of Illumination

In the reading of Your Word, may we be given light to see. May Your word rest in our hearts and minds and in so doing, transform us into Your faithful people. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119: 105-112

L: 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: 106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

L: 107 I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

P: 108 Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

L: 109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

P: 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

L: 111 Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

P: 112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13

10 "Rain and snow fall from the sky. But they don't return without watering the earth that produces seeds to plant and grain to eat. 11 That's how it is with my words. They don't return to me without doing everything I send them to do." God's People Will Celebrate 12 When you are set free, you will celebrate and travel home in peace. Mountains and hills will sing as you pass by, and trees will clap. 13 Cypress and myrtle trees will grow in fields once covered by thorns. And then those trees will stand as a lasting witness to the glory of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8: 1-11

8 If you belong to Christ Jesus, you won't be punished. 2 The Holy Spirit will give you life that comes from Christ Jesus and will set you[a] free from sin and death. 3 The Law of Moses cannot do this, because our selfish desires make the Law weak. But God set you free when he sent his own Son to be like us sinners and to be a sacrifice for our sin. God used Christ's body to condemn sin. 4 He did this, so that we would do what the Law commands by obeying the Spirit instead of our own desires.

5 People who are ruled by their desires think only of themselves. Everyone who is ruled by the Holy Spirit thinks about spiritual things. 6 If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace. 7 Our desires fight against God, because they do not and cannot obey God's laws. 8 If we follow our desires, we cannot please God.

9 You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit, who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him. 10 But Christ lives in you. So you are alive because God has accepted you, even though your bodies must die because of your sins. 11 Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you, and he will raise you to life by his Spirit.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus left the house and went out beside Lake Galilee, where he sat down to teach.[a] 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he had to sit in a boat, while the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he taught them many things by using stories. He said:

A farmer went out to scatter seed in a field. 4 While the farmer was scattering the seed, some of it fell along the road and was eaten by birds. 5 Other seeds fell on thin, rocky ground and quickly started growing because the soil wasn't very deep. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched and dried up, because they did not have deep roots. 7 Some other seeds fell where thorn bushes grew up and choked the plants. 8 But a few seeds did fall on good ground where the plants produced 100 or 60 or 30 times as much as was scattered. 9 If you have ears, pay attention!

Sermon: Cooperating with the gardener of your soul's garden.

Stan Menning

*Hymn #286 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

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

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer: (page 35 in hymnal)

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

As Christ has been generous with us, to the point of death on the cross, let us be generous too. Let us give a part of what we have to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

***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**

You give with open hands, Most Generous God, sharing gifts as seed to sow. We gather these offerings, asking only that they might take root and flourish — to tend Your Kingdom, to nurture Your beloved community. Let our acts be not merely ritual but a commitment: a shaping of the world in Your image, one generous, gesture at a time. Amen.

***Hymn #451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

Mark Your Calendars ~ 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 near Redwood Falls. This event is open to everyone—not only members of our Presbyterian churches.

Whether someone is a farmer, retired farmer, gardener, landowner, church leader, or simply interested in learning more about stewardship and agriculture, we hope they will join us.

Please RSVP: [RSVP Link](#)



July Ushers: Head Usher: Dan Tiffany

Ushers: Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Leon King, Lois Davis, Dan Alexander

July Deacon of the Month: Amber Kleinhuizen

Today's Greeter: Dan Tiffany

July Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Mike Bentson

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.

July Birthdays: 12th: Claire Stephens, 21st: Savannah Joldersma, 22nd: LeAnne Corder, 25th: David Fuhr, Knox Kramer, 28th: Kassie Sweetman, 29th: Bruce Tiffany, 30th: Julie Fiala, 31st: Anne-Marie Danielson

July Anniversaries: 18th: Rick & Fran Hauge, 19th: Randy & Lynn Juell, Peggy & Ross Dolezal, 23rd: Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes, Merlin Goudy

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.

Stan Menning

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Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, July 12:

10:15 am: Worship in the Park

Following Worship: Friendship Dinner in the Park

Tuesday, July 14:

Office Hours: 8am-10am

Wednesday, July 15:

8:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:00 pm: Bible Study

Thursday, July 16:

Office Hours: 8am-10am

Friday, July 17:

Office Hours: 8am-2pm

Sunday, July 19:

10:15 am: Worship

Wednesday, July 22:

8:00 am: Bible Study

3:00 pm: Bible Study

Sunday, July 26:

10:15 am: Worship

Wednesday, July 29:

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!

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.



In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



- 1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



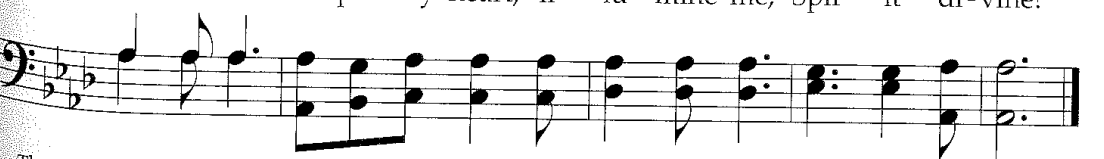
Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.