

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:** (based on 1 Kings 11-13)
L: Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.
P: Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear You and know You among us.

***Prayer**
Heavenly Father, we invite Your presence into this place. Fill our hearts with reverence and awe as we worship You. Let every song, prayer, and word spoken glorify Your name. May Your Spirit dwell richly among us, transforming our lives and drawing us closer to You. We surrender this service into Your hands and ask that You be exalted in all we do. Amen.

***Hymn #408** *“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*
Call to Confession
We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.
Prayer of Confession
God our refuge, You hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for Your forgiveness. Amen.

Time for Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: (Isaiah 43:1)
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.
Response: #647 *“Give Thanks”*
1 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

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to Your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with Your will. Focus our minds on the message You intend for us so we may faithfully discern Your way. Amen.
Scripture Readings: 1 King 19:1-18, Psalm 31:9-16
Sermon Elaine Boyd

Hymn #819 *“Be Still, My Soul”*
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
God’s abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.
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**
Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that You have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for Your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.

Holy Communion
Hymn #521 *“In Remembrance of Me”*
The Lord be with you/ **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts!/ **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Therefore with all creation, we sing Your praise, saying:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Prayer After Communion
God of Abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation You have united us with Christ, making us one with all Your people. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #546** *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

***Benediction**
We are the Body of Christ, His hands, His feet, His heart, His lungs; bearing witness in this world to God’s mercy and love. May the nourishment of God’s Word, the accountability of Christian community, and the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit fortify us for faithfulness. Amen.

***Postlude**
**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Friendship Dinner ~ Everyone is invited to the Friendship Dinner today, following worship. Everyone is welcome!

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 this afternoon, at 3 pm, at Tiffany Family Farms.

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 Greeters: Mark & Dorie Oja

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

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:
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August 9, 2026
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Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

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 -
Mission Committee & Volunteers

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: **FALL CHIMES DEADLINE**
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!

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. 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: 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, Donovan Sharpe

August Anniversaries: 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, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister*

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

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Action Steps to Help Someone Having Thoughts of Suicide

We can all take steps to help prevent suicide. **Knowing the warning signs for suicide and how to get help can save lives.**

Here are 5 steps you can take to #BeThe1To help someone who is having thoughts of suicide:



1. ASK:

“Are you thinking about suicide?” It’s not an easy question to ask, but it can help start a conversation. Studies show that asking people if they are suicidal does not increase suicidal behavior or thoughts.



2. BE THERE:

Listening without judgment is key to learning what the person is thinking and feeling. Research suggests acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce suicidal thoughts.



3. HELP KEEP THEM SAFE:

Reducing access to highly lethal items or places can help prevent suicide. Asking the person if they have a plan and making lethal means less available or less deadly can help the person stay safe when suicidal thoughts arise.



4. HELP THEM CONNECT:

Connecting the person with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (**call or text 988**) and other community resources can give them a safety net when they need it. You can also help them reach out to a trusted family member, friend, spiritual advisor, or mental health professional.



5. FOLLOW UP:

Staying in touch with the person after they have experienced a crisis or been discharged from care can make a difference. Studies show that supportive, ongoing contact can play an important role in suicide prevention.

For more information on suicide prevention:
www.nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention
www.bethe1to.com



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