

Assemble in God’s Name

Prelude
Ringing 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**

People will come from east and west, **from north and south,**
and will eat in the kingdom of God. **Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

***Unison Prayer of Invocation- Confirmation Student Elliott Klavetter**

Almighty God, You raised Jesus from the grave and opened the way to eternal life. We praise You that you are a God who is free to act, strong to redeem, and loving in all Your ways; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

***Hymn #509 “All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”**

***Call to Confession**

Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God’s truth. Let us confess our sins together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, **we are indebted to You and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all You have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all Your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.**

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***Response: #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose life has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2 World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**
Proclaim God’s Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir
Moment for Children

Prayer of Illumination

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear Your truth, vision to discern Your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to Your call. Inspire us as we hear Your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountains the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,I 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; my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Gospel: Mathew 26:25-30

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it[d] he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the[e] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." 30 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sermon

Quentin Markfort

***Hymn #314** *"Christ Be Our Light"*

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

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

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: #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.

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, bless these gifts for Your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in liberating the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table: (Luke 13:29; 24:30-31)

Friends, This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come...

Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: **When your people were wandering in the wilderness, you gave them drink, with water from a stone. Still, in your mercy, you satisfy our thirst.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

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.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Jesus demonstrated the depth of your love: not demanding perfection or requiring sacrifice, but redeeming sinners who repent and turn to you.

Words of Institution

Remembering your goodness and grace,

we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your Spirit, **allow us to share the mind of Christ, emptying ourselves of power and privilege and obeying you in humble service.**

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in the hymnal)

Communion of the People

Unison Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for meeting us at this table and feeding us with Your grace. Having received the bread of life and the cup of salvation, strengthen us to become what we have received: the body of Christ for the world. Send us out with grateful hearts, courageous spirits, and lives shaped by Your love, until all creation is gathered into the flourishing and fullness of Your peace. Amen.

*Hymn #498

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Quentin’s Office Days: Monday - Thursday

Tina’s Office Hours: Tue & Thur: 11 am- 2 pm, Fri: 8 am- 2pm

October Ushers: Head Usher: Shannon Sweetman

Usher: Nathan, Valerie & Claire Stephens, Tony, Molly & AJ Miller, Julie Rienstra

October Communion Servers (Oct. 11): Head Server: Nathan Stephens, Stephanie Klavetter, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Shannon Sweetman, Adrienne Danielson, Bruce Tiffany

October Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany

Today’s Greeter: Don Dagner

October Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Sonya Alexander

November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King

December Money Counters: Bob Alexander, Laura Kohler

Coat Drive ~ The Deacons are partnering with our local school district to help keep children and families warm this winter. We’re collecting **new or gently used coats** (sizes 4T through adult small) **now through October 25!** Donations can be dropped off in the large box in the south entryway of the church. Coats will be delivered to the elementary school on October 26 and shared with those in need.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community! ~ The Deacons

Weekend Food Bag Extras Needed ~ We are seeking donations of extra items for our Weekend Food Bag Program. Every other week, these bags are sent home with students at Redwood Valley Elementary School who may need a little extra food support over the weekend.

Suggested Items: Shells & Cheese, Uncle Ben's or Knorr Rice Pouches, Ramen Noodles (Beef or Chicken), Chocolate Chip Granola Bars, Applesauce Pouches or Cups, Fruit Cups, Individual Mac & Cheese Cups, Oatmeal Packets, Crackers and Peanut Butter Packs, Fruit Snacks, Goldfish Crackers, Breakfast Bars

Please leave donations on the pew in the hallway by the kitchen. Thank you for helping care for children and families in our community. Your generosity makes a difference, one bag at a time.

Flower Decorating ~ We are looking for someone with a creative eye and a love for flowers to take on the role of coordinating and decorating the flowers around the church throughout the year. If you enjoy arranging flowers, creating beautiful displays, and helping make our church feel welcoming and special, we would love to hear from you! Let the church office know!

Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

- Sunday, September 11:

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion
Following Worship: Friendship Dinner/Session Meeting
Packing Weekend Food Bags: Brozek Family
5:45 pm: Youth Faith in Action - Dinner/Share the Spirit
- Monday, October 12:

3:00 pm: Bible Study
5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church
- Wednesday, October 14:

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club
5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting
- Sunday, October 18:

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation is OFF
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship

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

Prayer for Members of our Church Family that have recently passed away: Bunny Nolting,
Bunny passed away on September 26, her funeral will be held on October 19, here at the church.
Please keep Bunny’s family 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.

This week’s Birthdays: 6th: Marlys Verdoes, 7th: Rosie Venable

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

Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Jim Curtis, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala’s Sister*

Those Requesting our Prayers: *Carly (daughter of Julie Reinstra)*

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