

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

L: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen. The One we call God is beyond human description.

P: God is more than we can ever imagine. We sense God's presence as we meditate.

L: We gather in awe to bring our songs of praise. The Creator of all things has given us life.

P: We are amazed by the wonders around us. We feel God's presence as we sing together.

L: We are summoned by One who is just and merciful. The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond,

P: how amazing that God chooses us as messengers. We know God is with us as we work for justice.

*Opening Prayer

O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of Your faithful people. Lead us to desire the guidance of Your Word. Remind us of Your ordinances that are true and righteous. May they shape our lives and warn us when we make errors. We seek to honor Your name. **Amen.**

***Hymn #14** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

*Call to Confession

We are invited to reflect on the wrongs we have done, the good we have neglected and the motives that underlie our behavior. What are the idols that attract us, the responsibilities we seek to avoid, the schemes by which we pursue selfish advantages? God knows, but we need to recognize and confess them.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have bent and ignored Your law. Your commandments inform but do not transform. You call us to love our neighbors but we are often defensive, fearful and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with Your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting

meaning. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor You. Save us, we pray from our foolishness and help us to reorder our lives. Amen.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

God is loving and merciful. Your sins will not be held against you instead God will grant you the peace that passes all understanding. Friends believe the Good News, **In Christ we are forgiven.**

***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

Lord, through the Holy Spirit, reveal Your word to us, not because we are worthy but because You are gracious and loving. Open our hearts to receive all that You offer. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm: 96:1-9
1Thess. 1:1-10,
Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

***Hymn #175 “Seek Ye First”**

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

Kathy Terpstra

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God asks for an accounting of the wealth that has been entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belong to God. May we give with thankfulness.

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**

Thank you, God, for all the blessings we have received. Let our offerings fulfill Your purposes, not ours. May the gifts of our wealth, our time and our talents summon others to follow Christ. Let them know the joy of breaking bread with our Lord, who offers healing to all who dare to trust in Him. Amen.

***Hymn #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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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

November Communion Servers: Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter, Scott & Laura Kohler, Leon King, Rhonda Joldersma, Julie Rienstra, Shari Fuhr

October Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany

Today’s Greeter: Judy Curtis

October Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Sonya Alexander

November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King

December Money Counters: Bob Alexander, Laura Kohler

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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October 18, 2026

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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, 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, October 18: 9:00 am: Sunday School
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship

Monday, October 19: 11:00 am: Bunny Nolting’s Funeral
3:00 pm: Bible Study
5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church

Tuesday, October 20: 6:30 pm: Scouts Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 21: 9:00 am: Piecemakers
4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

Sunday, October 25: 9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation
9:15 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship
Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags: Alexander

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 are currently hospitalized: Kevin McKay,
Kevin is currently in the St. Cloud hospital.
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: 19th: Dorie Oja, **Anniversaries:** 22nd: Judy & Jim Curtis
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, Robb Schneider*
Those Requesting our Prayers: *Carly (daughter of Julie Reinstra)*

If you want anything added to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.