

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 (Psalm 46: 1-3)**
God is our refuge and strength, **a present help in trouble**
Therefore we will not fear. **Though the earth should change**
Though the mountains shake **in the heart of the sea**
Though its waters roar and foam, **though the mountains tremble in its tumult**

***Prayer of Invocation**
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 #275** *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, **we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors , and refused the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon (Romans 6:8-11)**
Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe we too shall live with Christ. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, we believe in the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

Responsive Hymn #606 *“The Doxology”
1 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.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you always!
C: And also with you!

Proclaim God’s Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir
Moment for Children

Prayer of Illumination
Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, help us meditate on your law and commandments. As your Word is read today, help us be fully present – heart, soul, and mind – and show us your way of love. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,
² **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ **The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
⁶ **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish.**

L: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon Quentin Markfort

***Hymn #291** “Spirit of Gentleness”

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

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People
L: Lord in your mercy
C: Hear our Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering
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.**

Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in the hymnal)

***Hymn #39** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

***Charge to the People & Benediction**

***Postlude**
**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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October 25, 2026 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church is calling a congregational meeting **immediately following Worship on Sunday November 8th, 2026** for the dual purpose of 1) voting to sell the Manse and 2) voting to ordain Quentin Markfort as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church. Due to our congregational bylaws, any other business brought forward will need to be tabled until the next meeting. Please contact a member of the Session with questions.

Church of the Week: Christ's Victory Lutheran

God calls us to pray for all people, and that is what I'm challenging our congregation to do. Each week, we are going to have an area church of the week to pray for. Every Sunday we'll name them as our church of the week, and we'll lift them up in prayer during the prayers of intercession. We don't always agree with all of our neighbors, but we sure can pray for them!

Turkey, Trimmings & a Night Off from Cooking!

Our **Annual Turkey Dinner** is coming up **Wednesday, November 4, from 5–7 p.m. at the Redwood Area Community Center!** Join us for turkey and all the trimmings, or pick up a take-out meal to enjoy at home. **Got your tickets?** Tickets have been mailed out, so if yours haven't arrived, please contact the church office. **Ticket money and unsold tickets need to be returned by Tuesday, November 3.**

Youth Faith in Action Bake Sale

Save room for dessert! Our **Youth Faith in Action Bake Sale** will be held during the Annual Turkey Dinner on **Wednesday, November 4, from 5–7 p.m. at the Redwood Area Community Center.** Come hungry, grab some homemade goodies, and support our youth. **Sweet treats, sweeter mission!** YFA Youth will be baking on Sunday November 1st following Worship.

CONTINUED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coat Drive ~ TODAY IS THE DAY!

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.

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

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

SCHEDULE + PRAYERS

This Week at First Presbyterian	
Monday 10/26	3pm Bible Study
Wednesday 10/28	4pm Youth Club
Sunday 11/1	9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Worship
CHURCH OF THE WEEK: Christ's Victory Lutheran Church	

Prayer Corner

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.

Prayer for those who mourn: The family Bunny Nolting
Bunny passed away on Sunday September 26th, and her memorial service was held here at First Presbyterian this past Monday October 19th.

This week's Birthdays: 26th: Rhonda Joldersma, Kevin Zaske; 28th: David Danielson; 30th: Scott Goodyear, Donna Potter; 31st Cassy Sharpe

This week's Anniversaries: 28th: Lee & Diane Davis

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, Dale Starr*

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

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

Announcements Insert: October 25, 2026

2027 Per-Capita: \$48.00 per person

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

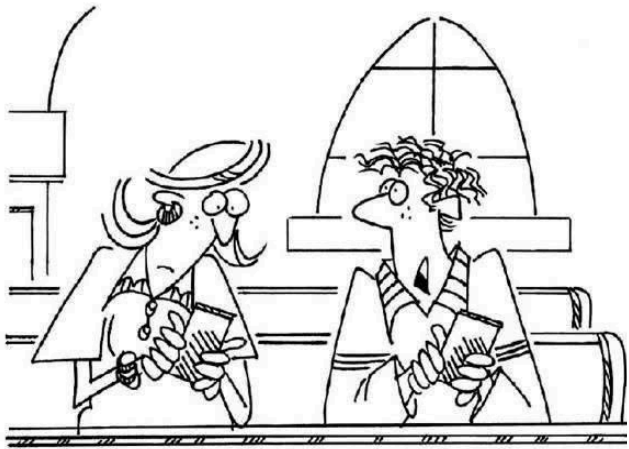
November Communion Servers: Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter, Scott & Laura Kohler, Leon King, Rhonda Joldersma, Julie Rienstra, Shari Fuhr

October Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany

October Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Sonya Alexander
November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King
December Money Counters: Bob Alexander, Laura Kohler



"The people are wondering if you could multiply some tartar sauce?"



"The Pastor keeps referring to 'this morning's text' ... but which one?"