

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ring 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.

***Responsive Call to Worship**

The wideness is still. **The hungry are left empty.**

The cracked earth crumbles. **The thirsty cry out.**

The Promise Keeper pulls them close. **God hear us now.**

Water flows. **The Holy One listens.**

A feast from heaven. **The Holy One provides.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty and eternal God, You show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.

Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us Your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn #327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

***Call to Confession**

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate God, **we confess to You all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In Your mercy, call us back to You. Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in Your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus says, “Come to me, you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **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: Quentin Markfort

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel 28 and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1-8

1 I will exalt you, my |God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

5 I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Sermon

Quentin Markfort

***Hymn #450** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer: (page 35 in hymnal)

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it, the world and all those who live in it. Freely you have received, freely give.

God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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***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**
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.
***Hymn #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

***Benediction**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. Amen.
***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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2027 Per-Capita: \$48.00 per person

September Ushers: Head Usher: Don Dagner
Usher: Scott Goodyear, Dale & Sandy Starr, Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, Paul Hagen

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

September Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany
Today’s Greeter: Lois Davis

September Money Counters: Michael Joldersma, Nancy Miller
October Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Sonya Alexander
November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King
December Money Counters: Bob Alexander, Laura Kohler

Youth Club ~ No Youth Club on September 23, since there is a Redwood Valley Elementary School Family Fun Game Night scheduled that afternoon/evening. We'll be back in the church on Wednesday, September 30.

Meals on Wheels ~ The Deacons are in charge of Meals on Wheels delivery in October. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

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). Donations can be dropped off in the large box in the south entryway of the church. Coats will be delivered to the elementary school in October and shared with those in need.
Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community! ~ The Deacons

<u>Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead</u>	
Sunday, September 20:	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship
Monday, September 21:	5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church
Wednesday, September 23:	3:00 pm: Bible Study NO Youth Club
Sunday, September 27:	9:00 am: Sunday School 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
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: Today: Brian Klavetter, 25th: Dale Starr, Delaney Kramer
Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes
All Those Fighting Cancer: 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.