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 (1 John 4:7-8) - Confirmation Student Henry Bentson**
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is God
All who love are born of God and know God
All who do not love do not know God
For God is love

***Prayer of Invocation - Confirmation Student Henry Bentson**
Eternal God, **neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn *#362 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

***Call to Confession (Psalm 34:18)**

***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 #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Verse 1)**
Immortal, Invisible, God only wise. In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty victorious, thy great name be praised

***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.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 123
1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, or we have had more than enough of contempt.
4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
L: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Quentin Markfort

Hymn *#462 I Love to Tell the Story

***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

Moment for Celebration - Endowment Fund Quentin Markfort

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering (Romans 12:6-8)

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

Responsive Hymn *#627 I Love You Lord
I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. O my soul, rejoice
Take joy my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

***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 *#384 Soon and Very Soon

***Charge to the People**
***Benediction**

***Postlude**
**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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November 15, 2026 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Quentin Markfort, Temporary Pastoral Leader
Ministers: The members of the congregation
235 East 4th Street, PO Box 44

New Announcements

Church of the Week: Evangelical Free Church of Redwood Falls

Elder Ordination & Installation

By the grace of God, and as a result of the special meeting that was called last Sunday, Quentin Markfort will be ordained as a Ruling Elder and Installed officially as our Temporary Pastoral Leader on **Sunday November 22nd at our 10:15am Worship.** The Rev. Anna Williamson will preside. Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Care & Visitation

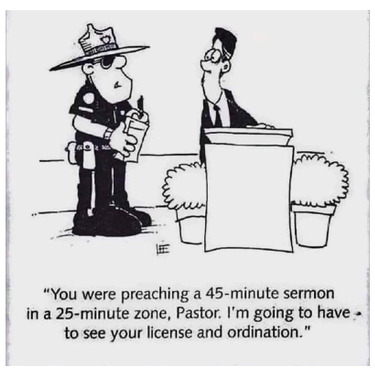
Quentin is available 24/7 if you need anything. Hospitals and care centers don't call clergy like they once did, so please let Quentin or Tina know if you have a Pastoral Care need. For Visitation, Quentin is putting together a list of visits to make, so if you or someone you know would like monthly or one time visit, please let Quentin know! **Quentin's cell is 320-293-0568**

NOTICE ON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church is calling a regular meeting on Sunday November 22, 2026 following Worship to elect the ballot of leaders for 2027 from the Nominating Committee.

Christmas Program 2026

The 2026 Christmas Program will feature both the kids and the adult choir on **Sunday December 13, 2026 during our regular worship.** The program focuses on the 4 weeks of Advent as we wait and prepare for the Christ Child to arrive.



Continued Announcements

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays at 12pm

As part of his ministry here, Quentin has been given the bulletin from Tina's plate. As a result, because Quentin takes Friday as his Sabbath, please have all announcements and additions to the bulletin to the office by Thursdays at 12pm. Please don't assume that Quentin knows your announcement should go in the bulletin, make sure you send things that the congregation should know! Announcements can either be sent to Quentin or Tina to be put in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!

Mittens & More Trees

The Deacons' Mittens & More Trees are up in the Narthex, and we invite you to help us fill them with the joy of giving! Through Share the Spirit, your generous donations will help provide Christmas gifts for families in need in our community. Every family deserves to experience the warmth, hope, and joy of Christmas, and together, we can help make that happen. Please consider donating NEW items for all ages, including: winter items, new toys, games, books, personal care items, blankets. The M & M Trees will be up for the month of November. Let's fill the Narthex fuller than ever before!

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 11/16	3pm Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts Use of Church
Tuesday 11/17	5:30pm Souts Board Meeting
Wednesday 11/18	4pm Youth Club
Friday 11/20	5:30pm Scouts Use of Church (Through Sat. @ 1pm)
Sunday 11/21	9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Worship
Church of the Week: Evangelical Free Church of Redwood Falls	

Prayer Corner

For Prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain: Char Gilland @ 507- 640 - 0210

This week's Birthdays: 15th Lauren Miller, 16th Gerry Hess, 17th Scott Kohler
This week's Anniversaries: 20th Sheena & Clay Rudenick

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Kevin McKay, 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: November 15, 2026

Quentin's Office Days: Monday - Thursday
Tina's Office Hours: Tue & Thur: 11 am- 2 pm, Fri: 8 am- 2pm

November Ushers: Head Usher- Stephanie Klavetter, Dave and Connie Gertsema, Brian and Elliot Klavetter, Dave and Ardrienne Danielson
December Ushers: Head Usher- Dan Fuhr, Shari & Max Fuhr, Brent Prouty, Bob Alexander, Keegan & Shellie Mammen

December Communion Servers (Sunday, December 13th): Head Server: Nick Brozek, Julia Fiala, Tony & Molly Miller, Rick Hauge, Dave Danielson, Bob Alexander

November Deacon of the Month: Shannon Sweetman
December Deacon of the Month: Leon King

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

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