

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

December 24, 2018 ~ 5 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting Service

David & Adrienne Danielson Family

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:15)

One: Every year we light our candles.

Many: We watch the flames flicker with wonder.

One: God's light is here.

Many: This light is life for all people.

One: The darkness will never overcome it.

(Light the Christ candle.)

All: The Word is with us. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Call to Worship

L: The grace of God has come to us;

P: Jesus Christ brings salvation to all.

Prayer of Invocation

Great God, as You came at night when all was still, illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way, the truth, and life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

"Away in a Manger"

Savannah Joldersma

Litany for Christmas

L: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: Christ is born! Give Him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive Him! Christ is now on earth! Exalt Him! O earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise Him in joy, for He has been glorified!

P: Amen.

Hymn #134

"Joy to the World"

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

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Special Music

"Breath of Heaven"

Donna Potter

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

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Hymn #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon

Special Music

"O Holy Night"

Savannah Joldersma

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

Response Hymn #144 *"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"* (Stanza 1)

Offertory Prayer

Glory to God, who has given us Jesus, Your gift of love to a world in need. We offer You our gifts of love – these gifts of money, our time and our talents. Take them and us, we pray, to bring glory to Your name. Amen.

Go in God's Name**Candle Lighting Ritual**

*As we light the individual candles, please tip your candle into your neighbor's.
When all the candles are lit, we turn the lights off in the sanctuary and begin singing
"Silent Night".*

Hymn #122**"Silent Night"******Benediction****Postlude**

(*) Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.

Ushers for Tonight: Dan Fuhr, Randy & Lynn Juell, Brent Prouty, Aaron Rohlik,
Keegan & Kyron Mammen, Marty Caraway

Greeting You Tonight: Scott & Laura Kohler, Maynard & Joyce Nolting

**Everyone is invited to join us in the Church Dining Room for our Christmas Eve
Dinner. Soups, meats, cheeses, veggies, crackers and desserts will be served.**