

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

"*Coventry Carol*" & "*Still, Still, Still*"

Ringing of the Church Bell

Elaine Hagen

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.

Advent Candle Lighting Service: The Henry Benton Family

Hymn #133 "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*"

Call to Worship

L: After all our hoping and waiting and dreaming the night is finally here,

P: the baby is born, Christmas has arrived!

L: With eagerness and excitement, we listen for the angel's song,

P: Peace on the Earth, Good will to all!

L: On this wondrous night we run with the shepherds, we ponder and dream with Mary,

P: Jesus is born, come let us adore him...

Opening Prayer

God, in the midst of Christmas hustle and bustle You invite us to dream. We dream of hope that drives away despair; of peace that changes the world; of joy that breaks into the dark places of life; of love that meets us face-to-face. As we gather tonight to celebrate the birth of a baby, help us to dream about a renewed world and lead us to ponder the amazing story we hear tonight. We pray in the name of Jesus, the hope of the world, whose birth we celebrate tonight. Amen.

Hymn #134 "*Joy to the World*"

***Call to Confession**

We live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: we turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim Your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that You love us, that You do not abandon us, and that again and again You call us back to You, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Let us proclaim the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***Response #113** "*Angels We Have Heard on High*"

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Special Music "*O Holy Night*" (John S. Dwight)

Claire Stephens

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

We ask that as we make this a holy night in remembrance of Your birth on earth, our hearts may be illuminated by the brightness of Your one true light — Jesus Christ our Lord — born in us this day. Prince of Peace, born among us: as we share together the profound mystery of Your coming, may Your presence fill us with wonder, hope, and love. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96:1-13

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Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

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Sermon

Special Music "*Gesu Bambino*"

Savannah Joldersma

***Hymn #115** "*Away in the Manger*"

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

This is a holy night. God-with-us has come to touch our world and our lives, bringing us out of darkness into a glorious light. In gratitude for this incredible gift of presence and love, let us share from what we have been given, that others may also see and feel God's light. Your generosity supports the ongoing work of the church and its missions.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory **"What Child is This"**

Elaine Hagen

***Response #144** **"In the Bleak Midwinter"**

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music **"How Quietly"**

Chancel Choir

The Lighting of the Congregation's Candles

Please tip your candle into the flame. When all the candles are lit, we will sing "Silent Night".

***Hymn #122** **"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** **"Sing We Now of Christmas"**

Elaine Hagen

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Announcements

*Following worship there will be a Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner
in the Church Dining Hall. All are invited to come.*

Have a very merry Christmas one and all!

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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*December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Rev. Scott Prouty*