

**Assemble in God's Name**

# Prelude

# Ringling 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.*

## Advent Candle Lighting Service: The Gabby Rohlik Family

**Hymn #110**                      **“Love has Come”** (*vs 1*)

## \*Call to Worship

L: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**P: Lift every valley, lift every voice.**

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**P: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

God of promise, You have given us a sign of Your love through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who was promised from ages past. We believe as Joseph did the message of Your presence, whispered by an angel, and offer our prayers for Your world, confident of Your care and mercy for all creation. Amen.

**\*Hymn #119                      “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

## \*Call to Confession

In Jesus Christ, God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin. With humility and hope, let us make our confession.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to Your glory. Yet, we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what You have given us in Jesus Christ.

## \*Silent Prayers of Confession

## \*Assurance of Pardon

The angel tells Joseph that the child forming in Mary's womb is to be named Jesus. "Call him Jesus," the angel says, "For he will save the people from their sins." From His birth through His resurrection, from age to age, Jesus is about salvation. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**\*Response: Hymn #132      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs. 1)**

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

## Proclaim God's Word

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir

## Moment for Children: Adrienne Danielson

## Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, illumine these words by Your Spirit that we might hear what You would have us hear and be who You would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

## Responsive Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

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## Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

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# Sermon

**\*Hymn #136                      “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (from the Confession of 1967)

*Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.*

## Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

## Give Thanks to God

## Call for the Offering

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

## God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

**Offertory**

**\*Responsive Hymn: #144    “In The Bleak Midwinter” (vs. 4)**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish Your purposes in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose Lordship we praise.  
Amen.

**\*Hymn #123                    “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.  
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**Bible Studies** ~ Two Bible studies are being offered on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to join. Check the church calendar for more details.

**Annual Reports** ~ Annual Reports were due December 19, if you have not turned one in, please contact the church office.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** ~ We will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 pm, following by the Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to RSVP and for donations to the dinner. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the reason for the season.

**Christmas Joy Offering** ~ Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This offering will be taken during the month of December.

**First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls**

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**December 21, 2025 ~ Forth Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**

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**December Ushers:** Head Usher Dan Fuhr  
Ushers: Shari & Lucas Fuhr, Brent Prouty, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, Keegan, Shellie, Kyron & Ethin Mammen

**December Deacon of the Month:** Leon King  
**Today’s Greeter:** Doreen Steenblock

**December Money Counters:** Bob Alexander & Shannon Sweetman

**Pray for The Following**  
**Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently passed away:** Todd Peterson,  
Todd passed away on Monday, December 15. Please keep the family and friends of Todd in your  
thoughts and prayers.  
**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.**

**Birthdays:** *22nd: Lois Davis, 23rd: Blake Stephens, 24th: Jerilyn Kodet, 30th: Rick Kramer*

**Anniversaires:** *27th: Julie & Ernie Fiala*

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**  
*Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes, Wayne Mann*

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** *Gerry Hess, Wayne Mann, Sue Osborne, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw*  
If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

**Calendar of Events**  
**Looking at the Weeks Ahead**  
**Sunday, December 21:** 9:00 am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Choir Practice  
10:15 am: Worship  
**Monday, December 22:** 11:00 am: Pastor Scott has Rotary Board Meeting  
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**Wednesday, December 24:** 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
6:00 pm: Christmas Eve Friendship Dinner  
**Thursday, December 25:** **Church Offices Closed - Merry Christmas**  
**December 25-Jan 4: Pastor Scott Out of Office**  
**Sunday, December 28:** 10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker  
**Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...**  
**Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!**