

# Coventry Carol

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Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,  
Bye bye, lully, lullay.  
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Bye bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do  
For to preserve this day  
This poor youngling for whom we sing,  
"Bye bye, lully, lullay"?

Herod the king, in his raging,  
Charged he hath this day  
His men of might in his own sight  
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee  
And ever mourn and may  
For thy parting neither say nor sing,  
"Bye bye, lully, lullay."



# The Congregation's Mission

"First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing is a congregation that seeks to grow in the love of Jesus Christ and to share that love with the community and the world."

## GATHERING

### WORDS OF INSPIRATION

CALVIN: This whole Santa Claus thing just doesn't make sense. Why all the secrecy? Why all the mystery? If the guy exists why doesn't he ever show himself and prove it? And if he *doesn't* exist, what's the meaning of all this?  
HOBBS: I dunno. Isn't this a religious holiday?  
CALVIN: Yeah, but actually, I've got the same questions about God."

— Bill Watterson, "Calvin and Hobbes" cartoon

### PIANO PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us speak the first verse together

Many: **Silent Night, Holy Night**

**All is calm, all is bright**

**Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child**

**Holy Infant so tender and mild**

**Sleep in heavenly peace**

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### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn #110 Love Has Come

## PARTICIPANTS

In Ministry  
Choir Director  
Pianist  
Organist  
Pastor  
Pastor  
Guest Pastor  
Liturgist

The Congregation  
Peter Dulak  
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The Rev. Heidi Bolt  
The Rev. Greg Bolt  
The Rev. Anna Kendig  
John Plehal

GREETER:

Bit Skaar

USHER:

Jack Strobel

FELLOWSHIP

Daryl & Joan Franklin

FLOWER

JoAnne McNamara's Birthday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, 1/6,	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Mon, 1/7,	10:00 a.m.	Coffee at Mandy's Cafe
Tues, 1/8,	8:00 a.m.	Finance & Stewardship
	9:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women
	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Membership
	5:30 p.m.	Deacons
	6:55 p.m.	JuBELLation Ringers
Wed, 1/9,	6:30 a.m.	Men's Book Study
Thurs, 1/10,	7:30 a.m.	Women's Book Study



# The Deacons Offering

(formally known as the "Loose Change" offering)

Offering will be collected today and will be donated to the Deacons to support their ministry.

Bills and/or change are appreciated.

*Thank you!*



# Presbyterian Women

PW Meets Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30 am.

Lesson will be on The Mothers Of Moses. page 86.



Jan 13  
During  
Worship

Election of Officers



Jan 20  
During  
Worship

Installation of Officers



Jan 27  
During  
Worship

Annual Meeting  
(Congregational Meeting)

Save the Date



## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you, O God, admitting that the mystery and wonder of Christmas has already begun to dull. We are filled with new plans and new worries, so the miracle of Jesus' birth in a manger feels so far away. Awaken our hearts, God, both in this hour and in the new year, to the signs of your continual birth amongst us. Forgive us when we ignore the vulnerable, forget the wondrous, and dismiss the needy. Give us your grace.

## \*SILENT PRAYER

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: People of God, *You*, are a part of God's Great Love, and in God's Great Love you are held. Live always knowing that you are forgiven and freed for joy and service.

Many: **Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you...**

(Please greet your neighbors with a handshake, a hug, or another sign of peace saying, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

## \*PRAYER RESPONSE

#113 Refrain

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## THE WORD

### A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### CHOIR ANTHEM

Coventry Carol (see back page)

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. Anna Kendig

## RESPONDING

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### \*HYMN OF HOPE

Hymn #142 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (excerpt United Church of Canada Creed 2006)  
**God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship. We sing of Jesus, a Jew, born to a woman in poverty in a time of social upheaval and political oppression. He knew human joy and sorrow. So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him people experienced the presence of God among them. We sing praise to God incarnate. By becoming flesh in Jesus, God makes all things new. In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering, God empowers us to live in love. In Jesus' crucifixion, God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world. In Jesus' resurrection, God overcomes death. Nothing separates us from the love of God. Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust, we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### Petitions

#### Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 11

#### Response

### WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

Hymn #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit Evermore;  
Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**One:** Generous God, you've given us the gift of Christ. We now freely offer our gifts in return.

**Many:** **What we have given today is only a portion of our gratitude. May our offerings be used to benefit others, and may we likewise use our hearts, minds, and hands this week to be a blessing for all. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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### Invitation

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**Many:** **And also with you.**

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**Many:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

### Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Sacrament

(Please partake of the elements as they come to you. Pass the tray to your neighbor with the words, "the Bread of Heaven" or "the Cup of Salvation.")

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of all Creation, thank you for your gifts of bread and cup. We know your table doesn't end within these walls but stretches deep into all the world. Having been fed, help us to live in the great hope of your Creation this year with humility and grace, with gratitude and wonder, following Jesus as our guide. Amen.**

## SENDING

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### \*HYMN OF TRUST

Hymn #107 Arise! Arise, and Greet the New Morn

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(Spoken)

**Go with God into this day. May the Spirit guide your way  
Offer peace to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.**

(Sung)

**We need a silent night in here. We need your presence to be near.  
Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.**

**We need a silent night in here.**

**Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.**

**We need a silent night, we need a silent night, we need a silent night in here.**

### \*POSTLUDE