

We Need a Silent Night in Here

by Marsha Jean Moors-Charles and Chuck Bell

It's the season of the year we come to celebrate
In all our ways, from different paths we come to be
Yet when we look around us, we see division everywhere
Even friends and family can't seem to agree

There are empty chairs for some around the table now
Loved ones gone, others just can't find their way
But we lift our hopeful eyes with open hearts and soul and mind
In whatever way we know you and however we might pray

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

Now we pray that we can find our shared humanity
Knowing what affects just one affects us all
When the darkness hides the light, it is the star that shines so bright
With the courage to be change, lift us up before we fall

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In the silence, renew our sight.
Help us see you shining in the night
Still the noise the world can give.
Come teach us how to live!

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Sleep in heavenly peace.

Please join us for the
First Presbyterian Church

Annual Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 6, 2018
5:30 pm
hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm
Dinner

\$14 per person
\$35 per family

*must be paid at time of reservation
RSVP after Sunday Worship or to Bit
Skaar 651.442.9574

Special entertainment after dinner by
Everyday People (Brent & Sheena)



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

"In a polarized society there may be no more effective violence prevention measure than building bridges, or at least none more accessible. Get to know at least one person who votes differently. Just get to know each other. This is the work."

Gareth Higgins, Irish peacemaker

ORGAN PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel setting F. Ashdown
"Prelude on 'Genevan 42' " by D. Lasky
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" by R. Hobby

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

(Sung)

Silent Night, Holy Night

**Dear people all around the world. Let us unite and we will show
How Peace can change us, how Peace can help us grow.**

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

Sleep in heavenly peace

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Scheerer Family

**Many: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm
and bright.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn #756 O God of Every Nation

*Please rise in body or spirit

PARTICIPANTS

In Ministry

Choir Director

Pianist

Organist

Pastor

Pastor

Liturgist

The Congregation

Peter Dulak

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The Rev. Heidi Bolt

The Rev. Greg Bolt

John Plehal

GREETER:

Edie Williams

USHER:

Paula Marshall

FELLOWSHIP

David & Sylvia Anderson

FLOWER

Open

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today, 12/2, | 9:15 a.m. | Christian Education |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Advent Festival & Caroling |
| Mon, 12/3, | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee at Mandy's Cafe |
| | 6:30 p.m. | RW Singers |
| Tues, 12/4, | 4:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Membership |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Deacons |
| | 6:55 p.m. | JuBELLation Ringers |
| Wed, 12/5, | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Book Study |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Building & Grounds |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Advent Organ Concert |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Christmas Play Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Thurs, 12/6, | 7:30 a.m. | Women's Book Study |
| | 5:30 P.m. | Annual Christmas Dinner |

December
Food Shelf Goal

50 boxes of Dry Pasta



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!



Deacons' Goodhue County Christmas Project



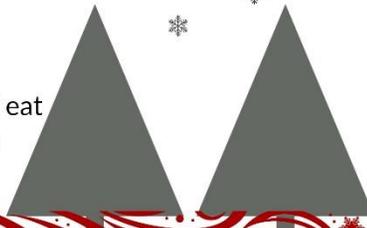
Gifts and money tags will be located on the Christmas tree near the servery. Please sign out the tag(s) on the sheet near the tree. Place wrapped gifts under the tree with tag and gift receipt by December 9th. Gifts will be distributed on December 15th to 9 families in our community. Thank you for your care and compassion!

-Deacons

Advent Festival

Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share. We'll offer some Advent activities that you can do with your family, we'll eat together and then head out for caroling. All are welcome!



Advent Organ Series

Wed., December 5th, 12th, 19th at 12:15 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Red Wing

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Nils Halker • Tom Erickson • Dr. Melanie Ohnstad

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: As we prepare to hear God's Word, let us take a moment of silence, of calm, in order to center our hearts, let go of those things in our lives that we regret, asking God for the peace of forgiveness.

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Know this, already your world is a little bit calmer and brighter having offered to God the bits of chaos clouding your life. Now the dark skies give way to beams of light illuminating your way. Move forward into God's future, forgiven and free.

Many: **Thanks be to God! 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

v.1 #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-4

CHOIR ANTHEM (see page 7)

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SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 2:9:2, 6-7

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

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Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF HOPE

Hymn #314 Christ Be Our Light

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust God, whose Love and Justice are revealed over and over through creation, community, and story, through the voices of prophets and the lives of ordinary people, through a helpless newborn baby. We trust Jesus the Christ, embodiment of God's word, born a refugee, raised in poverty, dependent on the kindness of others. His obedience to God's call brought him together with the most unlikely characters, and his insistence on God's radical love for all led him to the cross. Yet God's love was more powerful than human force, and on the third day love walked out of the tomb, alive and free in the world. We trust the Holy Spirit, breath of all life, who blows where she will, calling us to the same path Jesus walked, and leading us all in the holy dance of life in the kingdom of God. Even as days grow dark, even in the midst of uncertainty, even now: the fire of God's love burns bright, the wind of the spirit cannot be contained, streams of living water flow in the desert, and all earth cries glory, as we wait the dawn of God's new day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 11

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Belleau Wood" by Garth Brooks

Pete Dulak

*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: Waiting God, we commit ourselves to waiting with you, waiting to hear your voice, waiting to know your will,

Many: waiting to discover how you want us to serve you with all that you have given us for the life of the world. Amen

*Please rise in body or spirit

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN OF TRUST

Hymn #82 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*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

"Trumpet Tune on Hyfrydol" setting M. Helman

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*Please rise in body or spirit