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**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Reverend David P. Poppen
December 16, 2018**

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Opening and Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Les & Carla Starkenburg

(insert pg 5)

***Hymn #128 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”**

*Opening Prayer

Invitation to Reflection (insert pg 5)

Christmas Program – “*The Greatest Christmas Gift*”

(see insert pg 6)

Hymn #125 “Joy to the World!”

(the general offering will be received)

COME! HEAR GOD’S WORD!

Scripture—Isaiah 55:1-3 (pg 1148); **John 6:32-35** (pg 1657)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – “Glorious Food”

Prayer of Blessing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD!

Hymn #141 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

(the building & repair offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Hymn “Go Light Your World”**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please remember in your prayers Marcia Neely who continues in her fight with cancer; **Kathy Beek** as she struggles with pain & weakness in her knees; **Mina Uittenbogaard** who remains on hospice; and **Sylvester Harms** who remains hospitalized in Sheldon. Pray that they feel the love, grace and strength of God during their health issues and battles.

“Thank You for the beautiful poinsettia, the Christmas Carolers and visits. I am so blessed.” Helen Reuvers

“Thank you for your prayers, gifts of food and visits following my surgery. Especially the prayers! I appreciate my church family.” Janice Sneller

A huge Thank You to the leaders and organizers of this year's Christmas program – Jeff & Shauna Neuman, Bonnie Poppen, Kayla Rosenboom & Kevin Rosenboom and Kathy Ver Meer. When you see them, be sure to thank them for all their work and effort in putting on our Christmas program! Thank you also to the choir for sharing their talents in the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting today, WELCOME! Be our guest! We welcome you to our worship experience. There is coffee available in the room off of the sanctuary and following the service in the fellowship basement.

During our worship service this morning, we will be celebrating the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting the 1st and 2nd Advent Candles as well as considering the themes from “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.” Thank you Les & Carla Starkenburg for your part in our worship service this morning.

Next Sunday, as we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, we will be exploring the theme “Winter” from Isaiah 9: 1-7 and Micah 4: 1-5. We hope that this study interests you. Please come back as we consider the Christian themes from the land of Narnia.

College Boxes! Because this holiday season seems to have snuck up on us (!) and most of the college kids are already home for the holidays, we are planning to send the boxes after the start of the New Year. So there is still time to add some goodies to the boxes that are located in the entries and the coffee room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Monday, Dec 24th at 6 pm. Come early to mingle and enjoy a hot chocolate bar and hors d'oeuvres prior to the service beginning at 5:30 pm. Share the joy of Christ's birth with your church family! We encourage you to share the wonderful message of Jesus with neighbors, family and friends. In your bulletin this morning is an invitation to share with a family member, neighbor or acquaintance for this wonderful service!

The Christmas Day service on Tuesday, Dec 25th will be held at 9:30 am here at Boyden First Reformed. You are invited to come at 9:15 am to sing carols of Christmas prior to the service.

The ordination and installation of new deacons and elders will be Sunday, Jan 6, 2019, during our regular Sunday Service. We are required by the Book of Church Order to publish the names of the newly chosen deacons and elders and to ask if anyone has a scriptural reason why they should not be installed in their respective offices. If you have such a reason, please see Pastor Dave or one of the elders. For the office of deacon – Roger Nelson & Alan Warntjes; For the office of elder – Rod Bolkema, Marv Heemskerk & Tom Reuvers

Hat/Mitten/Scarf Tree is up in the basement! This year we will be dividing your donations between Atlas of Sioux County and Boyden-Hull Elementary. Also, Atlas has a need for paper products. They could use donations like toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. If you have any questions, please visit with Ranae Kleinwolterink, Ginger Van Roekel or Wanda Slykhuis.

Marriage Enrichment volunteers needed! Pastor Dave is looking for some volunteers to help with this experience which is planned for the end of January/beginning of February, 2019. Tasks would include support of the leaders from Rock Rapids, advertising and food. Please visit with Pastor if you are interested and/or for more information.

Save the Date! The Work as Worship Conference will broadcast at our church again in 2019! Once again there are exciting and dynamic speakers lined up for this one-day conference including Frances Chan, Jon Acuff, Helen Michell, Steve Green and many more! Watch for more info!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1 – It was as He reclined at the table with them that He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, but He disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?”

People – Jesus is a risen Lord!! He came as a child and He came to earth to die for us. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!

Reader 1 – He will come again!! Let us repent. God will forgive if we confess our sin!

Reader 2 – God, we know that we are not all You created us to be. You call us to repent, to make changes. So, we light this candle to promise to You to make those changes. Be with us, show us what to do, and give us the courage and energy we need to change. As we continue to walk in Narnia, may we meet Aslan and Jesus. What shall we do?

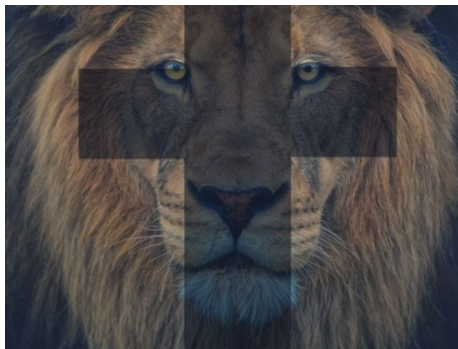
Readers 1 & 2 in unison – We will light the first and second Candles!

Invitation to Reflection

(C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*)

Leader – “Is he – quite safe? I shall feel quite nervous about meeting a lion ...”

People – “Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”





“The Greatest Christmas Gift”

By Brittany Ward

Tommy Smith - Darin Maassen

Susan Smith - Morgan Roosenboom

Preacher - Reece Koele

Mary - Cheyenne Neuman

Joseph - Jeremy Maassen

Angel - Mia Darnell

Innkeeper - Andrew Neuman

Shepherds - Brooklyn Koele, Konner Maassen

Wisemen - Ty Darnell, Collin Mouw, Clayton Starkenburg

Carolers - Dave & Vera Boender,

Music

“Mary Did You Know” - Boyden FRC Choir

“Breath of Heaven” - Pastor Dave Poppen

“Away in a Manger” - Children’s Choir

“Do You Hear What I Hear?” - Pastor Dave Poppen,

Bonnie Poppen, Children’s Choir

“We Three Kings” - Children’s Choir

“Silent Night” - Carolers

Scripture - *Luke 1:26-33, Luke 2:1-6, Luke 2:7, Luke 2:8-20,*

Matthew 2:1-11

**Special Thanks to: Directors Shauna Neuman & Kayla Rosenboom; Music Directors Bonnie Poppen & Sherry Schomaker; Accompanists Leila Moret, Bonnie Poppen & Kathy Ver Meer; Technical Support Jeff Neuman & Kevin Rosenboom*

TODAY – December 16, 2018

9:00 AM – CHOIR PRACTICE
9:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP
10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

USHERS: Davis/Drew/Trey Van Roekel & Kevin Rosenboom

TECHNICIANS: Audio: Jeff Neuman
Video: Ben Harms
Powerpoint: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Lori Bolkema,
Joan Wiertzema, Pat Harms

NURSERY: Vicki & Brooklyn Koele

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Dec 18 – Pastor Dave meeting with Dan DeVries
in Hull at 11:30 am

Wed Dec 19 – Pastor Dave meeting with Revs. Verlyn Boone
& Steve Byerly at 11:30 am

Fri Dec 21 – Innerglow News due!
1st Day of Winter!

NEXT SUNDAY – December 23, 2018

Celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent!

Praise Team Practice – 8:30 am
Worship – 9:30 am
Fellowship – 10:35 am
Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink
Cookies – Ranae Kleinwolterink,
Carla Starkenburg, Bobby Reuvers

Nursery – Kayla Rosenboom

The SHARE group for widows and widowers will meet on Thur, Dec 20th at noon at Homestead Commons in Hull. We will enjoy Pizza Ranch and a side salad for lunch. You are invited to bring your favorite Christmas dessert to share. We also ask that you bring \$5 to help offset the cost of ordering pizza. Following our meal, we will sing a few Christmas carols to get us in the holiday spirit. Please call Deanna Tiedeman (712-439-2229) or Pastor Aaron Deutsch (605-742-4469) with any questions.

Secret Sisters! Thank you to all the lovely ladies who participated in this program! We are planning to continue this in 2019. If you have been a part of this in previous years, a new questionnaire was put in your church mailbox. If you didn't get a questionnaire and would like to take part, or if you have questions or need more info, please see Teresa Harms.

To begin a prayer chain – You can either call Max Moret at 348-2929 or Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366.

2018 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Marlin Uittenbogaard

Clerk – Les Starkenburg

Assistant Clerk – Kathy Ver Meer

Chair of Deacons – Jamie Koele

Treasurer – Paul Moret

Assistant Treasurer – Brad Van Roekel

Building & Grounds – Jason Fykstra

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Outreach & Assimilation – Bill Noack

Mission Task Force – Vice President & Deacons

Discipleship –

2018 Elders

Brent Fedders ('18)

Bill Noack ('20)

Les Starkenburg ('18)

Marlin Uittenbogaard ('18)

Kathy Ver Meer ('19)

2018 Deacons

Jason Fykstra ('18)

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Jamie Koele ('19)

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