



*Drawings by Sheila Hinderts*

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
Reverend David P. Poppen  
December 23, 2018**

***JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!***

**WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!**

Prelude **Bonnie Poppen**

Opening and Greeting

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath-Marlin & Tamie Uittenbogaard**

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**\*Praise Songs: "How Great Our Joy"—sheets in pew & screen**

**"Joy to the World!" - sing marked verses**

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Praise Songs: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"—sheets-**

**"Worthy, You Are Worthy"—screen-marked verses**

**COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD!**

**Scripture—Ephesians 6:10-18 (pg 1824)**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (pg 1785)**

Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon – "Gifts for the Common Good"**

Prayer of Blessing

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD!**

**Hymn #132 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

(the general offering will be received)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn "Go Light Your World" – Praise Team**

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Please continue to remember in your prayers Marcia Neely, Mina Uittenbogaard, Kathy Beek, Sylvester Harms & Larry Salmon.** Pray for our Lord's grace, peace, strength, and healing to bless each one.

**Thank you** for the beautiful poinsettia, visits & the Christmas carolers! Merry Christmas! Trudy Blankers

**Pastor Dave and Bonnie** wish to say "Thank You" for all the well wishes and gifts that people have shared with us this Christmas season. The Lord bless you!!

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candles as well as considering the themes from "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Thank you Marlin & Tamie Uittenbotgaard for your part in our worship service this morning.

**Today in the bulletin** is a flyer to invite family, friends, acquaintances and enemies to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Share the glorious story of our Savior's birth!

**There will be no Sunday School this morning.** We will begin again after the first of the year.

**The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** is tomorrow night, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**The Christmas Day service** on Tuesday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 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. It seems we never get to sing them enough!

**The ordination and installation of new deacons and elders** will be Sunday, Jan 6, 2019, during our regular Sunday Service. The men who the Lord and the congregation were led to lift to lead the church for the next number of years are Rod Bolkema, Marv Heemskerck & Tom Reuvers as elders; and Roger Nelson & Alan Warntjes as deacons. If there is any Biblical reason for these people not to serve, please see Pastor Dave or one of the elders to express your concern. Thank You!

**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.



### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Reader 1 – As we proceed through our story and the coming of Aslan, the time of winter but never Christmas is ending. Christmas in Narnia is serious business, just like it is here. There is victory in the air. The children are given gifts.**

**Reader 2 – Being ready for Christmas is about JOY but also about courage. God is with us, and God also calls us to live in Christ, here and now.**

**Reader 1 – God calls us to stand for goodness and kindness, to stand against “might makes right,” to choose joy, patience, faith and self-control; to join the struggle of the Gospel to root out evil from the world.**

**People – We will be brave, knowing that God has equipped us with gifts and practical tools to make a difference in the world and that Jesus comes among us to lead us in that struggle.**

**Reader 2 – We will light the first, second and the third candle to declare that courage and joy are needed to live in this world. Do you agree to take on this call?**

**People – Yes!**

**Leader 1 and 2 – We will light the candles!**

**TODAY – December 23, 2018**

8:30 AM – PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE AFTER WORSHIP

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY**

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

**TECHNICIANS:** Audio: Kevin Rosenboom

Video: Tom Reuvers

Powerpoint: Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Ranae Kleinwolterink

**COOKIES:** Ranae Kleinwolterink,  
Carla Starckenburg, Bobby Reuvers

**NURSERY:** Kayla Rosenboom

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Mon Dec 24 – Hors D’oeuvres, hot cocoa & coffee  
in the Narthex 5:30-6 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6 pm

Tue Dec 25 – Merry Christmas!

Singing Christmas carols – 9:15 am

Christmas worship service – 9:30 am

Thu Dec 27 – Pastor Dave & Bonnie leave for vacation

**NEXT SUNDAY – December 30, 2018**

We welcome Merlyn Sandbulte to lead our worship!

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Lisa Nelson

Cookies – Lisa Nelson,

Kathy Ver Meer, Shari Fedders

Nursery – Lori & Mia Darnell

**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.

**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! Watch for more info!

**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)

Ken Hoogendoorn ('18)

Jamie Koele ('19)

Paul Moret ('19)

Brad Van Roekel ('20)

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