



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
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December 24, 2018

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!*  
*JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!*

Prelude Kathy Ver Meer

Opening and Greeting

\*Hymn #145 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*Hymn #133 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

\*Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Kathy Ver Meer &  
Teresa Harms

Reader 1 – Advent and Christmas are seasons we celebrate with meals and eating. Remember to feed yourself well, with good food and loving company. Jesus often shared meals with others as part of His ministry on earth, and He continues to share Himself with us through the bread and the cup of the Communion meal.

Reader 2 – He is also with us in any meal of love and Communion we share. May your meals and feasts this season strengthen you to face the storms raging in your own life and prepare you to receive Christ and His love for this Christmas.

**People – We will celebrate the coming of the Christ and our fellowship among ourselves.**

Readers 1 & 2 – We will light the four preparation candles.

**People – But what is the white candle in the middle of those preparatory candles?**

Reader 1 – It is the Christ Candle. A light has come into the world to spread the message of redemption and joy!

Reader 2 – We will light it as the Truth that shines into every heart!

## Reflection

“Are – are you there too, Sir?” said Edmund.

“I am,” said Aslan. “But there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason why you were brought to Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there!”

## \*Hymn #157 “Away in a Manger”

(Christmas Eve offering will be received)

## *COME! HEAR GOD’S WORD*

Scripture—Isaiah 61:1-11 (pg 1157)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – “Narnia: What If There Was No Christmas”

Prayer of Blessing

## *RESPONDING TO THE WORD!*

\*Hymn “Go Light Your World” – Praise Team

The Circle of Light

\*Hymn “Silent Night”

Benediction

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

*Thank you to all those who made this service possible, and for all those who helped with our refreshments prior to the service.  
God bless!*



# CHRISTMAS



*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on Earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.*

LUKE 2:14