

## **AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS**

Presented by the Sunday School of First Reformed Church Volga, SD

Sunday, December 19, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Praise Songs led by the Praise Team (Darryl Clapp, Hattie Clapp, Nate Clapp, Nick Clapp, Brian Franklin, Nichole Franklin)

Accompanist – Dori Ohm

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground )• Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy*

Welcome and Prayer – Polly Vander Wal - SS Superintendent

Lighting the Advent Candle – Bruce and Layson Lucas

Advent Hymn: 206 – *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Promise Foretold of a Savior** Luke 1:26-38 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Andrew Hove, Olivia Hove, Marcus Olson, Carter Sapp, Danelyn Greene

Carol: *What Child is This?* - 202 (students sing verse 1, congregation joins on verse 2 and 3)

*Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?*

*Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.*

*This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:*

*This, this is Christ the King, The babe, the Son of Mary.*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him;*

*The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

*This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:*

*This, this is Christ the King, The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

**The Birth of Jesus** Luke 2:1-7 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Landon Sapp, Kinsley Sapp, Rebecca Olson, Lainey Lemberg

Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*- 200 (students sing verse 1, congregation joins on verse 2)

*For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,*

*While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.*

*O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!*

*And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.*

**The Shepherds** Luke 2:8-12 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Ryan Vandermeer, Tayley Knapp, Eli Sapp, Ruby Replogle, Evelyn Ostrem

Carol: 199 - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (students on verse 1, congregation joins on verse 4)

*For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet seen of old,*

*When, with the ever-circulating years, Shall come the time foretold.*

*When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,*

*And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.*

**The Angels** Luke 2:13-20 Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Jase Vande Weerd, Claire Vande Weerd, Hadley Knapp, Bryley Knapp, Blaike Volkers, Ashlyn Vande Weerd, James Ostrem, Sawyer Sinner, Evan Sapp, Sawyer Franklin

Carol: 209 - *Away in a Manger* (students sing verse 1, congregation joins on verse 2 and 3)

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,*

*But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.*

*I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,*

*And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.*

**Through the Stable Doorway** Pre-school

*Through a stable doorway -Brielle Franklin  
The eager shepherds came – Maesyn Volkers  
Wise men came to greet - Tate Vande Weerd  
The newborn baby Jesus - Carson Sinner  
Happy Birthday to baby Jesus!*

**Joy to the World!** Children's Bell Choir

**Offering -** (for the General Fund and Building Fund)

**Closing Comments and Prayer –** Polly Vander Wal

**Go Tell It on the Mountain** (everyone)

*(Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and every-where;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. (Refrain)*

*The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)*

*Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**TODAY**

**WELCOME** to all members and guests worshipping at FRC today. As we listen to the message presented by the Sunday School children, may we rejoice in the birth of our Savior and King!

- The parament color (purple) is used during the Sundays in the Advent season. Purple is a color associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king.
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY

**ON DUTY FOR THE LORD TODAY:**

Greeter: Harold and Betty Beukelman

Ushers: Greg Moir and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery: None provided today

Coffee Servers: Education Task Force

Library: Susan Vander Wal

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Bert Rogness from the Astoria area will be our guest pastor.

Praise ministry will be presented by Nate, Clapp, Nick Clapp and Brian Franklin

There is NO Sunday School next week, December 26.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. Cadets rescheduled Christmas party at CRC

**FRIDAY:** 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Pastor Frank Feltis has graciously consented to lead the service along with Darryl Clapp, Nate Clapp, Nick Clapp, Hattie Clapp, Brian Franklin, Nichole Franklin, Dori Ohm Alicia Vander Wal, Preston Vander Wal, Gina Vander Wal and Michelle Vander Wal

**PERSONALS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Please pray for our homebound members **Howard Rozendal and Sheldon Cotton.**

**Harold Van Hoepen** is still a patient at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls waiting for a swing bed to become available for him.

**Bob Olson** returned to his home on Sunday. Please pray for an appetite and strength to enable Bob in his recuperation.

THANK YOU to the students and teachers for a wonderful program along with Polly Vander Wal, Nichole Franklin, Hattie Clapp, Darryl Clapp, Nate Clapp, Nick Clapp, Rollyn Clapp, Dori Ohm and the Education Task Force for organizing and serving the fellowship time.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL: We pray that God continues to bless First Reformed Church this Christmas season. We are so thankful for the years we got to spend with you in ministry, and your patience with Dave's health problems. And now we congratulate you on getting a new pastor soon. Life for us revolves around taking care of baby Amy (Ruth) and carting Autumn and Jonny to school and piano lessons (Dave). Dave continues to edit the Sunday School Guide and keeps on writing. He just published a book of Beatles' ParaPraise lyrics and is now working on a Bible study book of discussion questions on 1 and 2 Peter. Dave's health and energy level has been much better (though November did include a nasty cold). We pray for God to work powerfully among you in the new year. – Dave and Ruth

PASTOR GARY AND ROBYN plan to move into the parsonage on Monday, December 27. They will be enjoying a family Christmas in Lincoln, NE on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Gary plans to be available on December 30. Please pray for safety in the moving process, good weather and roads as well as health and strength for a busy week.

HOPE FOR LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH would like to say thank you for the generous gift we have received from the First Reformed Church of Volga. Your thoughtfulness, support and prayers are very encouraging and much appreciated. Hope for Life is going through a time of transition as they look forward to calling their next pastor. Ministry continues with great hope as they move into their twelfth year of ministry. May our gracious God bless and guide your new pastor, Gary Mulder, and the First Reformed Church of Volga as you continue to carry out Christ's mission in the Volga community. Pastor Carl and Jan Van Voorst.

GREETINGS with PHOTO from the Bilgen family is posted on the bulletin board.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS: The congregation approved the 2022 proposed general fund budget and the mission budget of \$21,900. Dori Ohm was chosen as elder while Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne were chosen as deacons. Dori will be ordained and installed as elder; Howard and Kevin will be installed as deacons on January 2.

REMINDER TO TASK FORCE CHAIRS: Your end of the year reports are due to Susan today. Please get your task force replacement names to Susan and call a meeting by January 21, 2022. Thank you!

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, December 26  
Greeters – George and Bev Cotton  
Coffee Servers – Susan Vander Wal and Marilyn Kleinjan  
Nursery (for newborns to 4 years of age) – no one is scheduled  
Library – Don Jones  
Offering – General Fund and Mission Fund

(December 19, 2021)