

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

First Reformed Church – Volga, SD

December 24, 2021 – 7 p.m.

Pastor: Frank Feltis

Praise Team: Darryl Clapp, Hattie Clapp, Nate Clapp, Nick Clapp, Brian Franklin, Nichole Franklin, Dori Ohm

PRELUDE – Michelle Vander Wal

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive Reading

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Pastor: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

People: *We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.*

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*WHEN LOVE WAS BORN:* Hattie Clapp

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Alicia Vander Wal  
and Preston Vander Wal

HYMN: 188 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 – Preston Vander Wal

HYMN: 209 – *Away in a Manger*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-14 – Alicia Vander Wal

*STILL, STILL, STILL* – Gina Vander Wal

accompanied by Michelle Vander Wal

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:15-20 – Preston Vander Wal

*BORN IN BETHLEHEM* – Praise Team

SCRIPTURE: John 1:9-13

MESSAGE: ***The True Light***

JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD – Praise Team

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY:

*The pastor, takes a large white candle, lights it from the Christ candle, the Light of the world. Then the pastor says:*

Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness; but will have the light of life.' "You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

*The pastor then gives light to the ushers; they in turn give light to the first in each pew, who pass it on. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.*

HYMN: *SILENT NIGHT* (words are on the back)

PRAYER

*O HOLY NIGHT:* Nichole Franklin and Hattie Clapp

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISH CANDLES ( The worshiper's candles are extinguished  
AFTER the pastor's candle is out)

POSTLUDE

## **Silent Night! Holy Night!**

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.

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent Night! holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus,  
Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.