

Christmas Eve, 2011 - First Reformed Church

Prelude & Call to Worship

* Hymn #202 - "What Child is This?"

* Hymn #209 - "Away in a Manger"

Prayer & Greeting

Responsive Reading #201 "The Star Carol"

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Baillie Vander Wal & Utsje Vandermeer

Hymn #212 - "Birthday of a King"

Ministry of Music: Men's Chorus

Congregational Prayer

Offertory - Offering for the Food Pantry

* Hymn #211 - "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-12

Sermon: Are You As Smart As An Animal?

* Hymn: "When Lights Are Lit on Christmas Eve"

(to the tune of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear")

When lights are lit on Christmas Eve
And children laugh and sing
I seem to hear a Baby's cry
And angels echoing
When candles glow on Christmas Eve
And snow falls glist'ning white
I seem to hear the Christmas star
That filled the world with light

When carols ring on Christmas Eve
And bells in steeples chime
I seem to feel the wondrous joy
Of that first Christmas-time
When gifts are brought on Christmas Eve
And laid around the tree
I seem to know the presence of
God's gift of love to me.

Lighting the Candles (Fellowship Hall)

Some chairs have been set up in the Fellowship Hall for those who do not care to stand during the candlelight service.

In an effort to minimize candle wax dripping, please keep lit candles upright. To light your candle, tip it to your neighbor's lit candle.

* Christmas Carols (acappella)

Joy to the World! · Hark! the Herald Angels Sing ·
Angels We Have Heard on High · Away in a
Manger · Silent Night! Holy Night!

Benediction

Postlude

Organ: Carol Kleinjan.

Piano: Michelle Vander Wal.

Men's Chorus Accompanist: Bernita Kooima