

GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 1:18-25 PG. 1497

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*"FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—
MAKING THE LIST"*

Welcome Guests! We are delighted and honored that you are worshipping with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. We encourage you to please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate as it is being passed. To find out more about First Reformed Church, stop at the Information Center in the Narthex, or visit our website: www.sibleyfrc.org.

Glorify! God With Worship

9 am - Cornerstone Service

Children and Worship (3 yrs.—Kindergarten)

10:10-10:50 am

Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School for ages 3 yrs.—Adult
- Sunday School Guide Class will meet in the Library
- Men's Bible Study: "A Study on the Disciples" meets-west end of the F.H.
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

Open Door Service-11 am

Join us for a time of praise and worship by use of music, prayer, scripture and a Bible Talk.
Children and Worship (3 yrs.—Kindergarten)

Offerings: Nov. 19, 2017: General Fund-\$3,986; Benevolent Fund-\$310; Building Fund-\$5; Talking Bibles-\$1030; MS Remnant-\$70. **Special offering for November** is Talking Bibles.

Between now and the end of the year we will need to collect in offerings around \$55,000 to meet our budget obligations. Please prayerfully consider this when you are planning your weekly donations. On behalf of the Deacons, thank you for your generous giving thus far this year.

Grow! In His Word

Sunday, November 26: This morning, Pastor Luke will begin his new sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — Making the List". Thank you to Graham Hennig for providing the special music this morning at the first service.

- **Today we will also have Communion Preparatory** to help us prepare our hearts to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday.
- **8:20 am:** Senior Choir will practice this morning.
- **No Sunday School or Program Practice** this morning.

Tuesday:

- **8:30 am:** Chickadee Quilters

Wednesday:

- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
 - 6:30-7:15 pm: Bible Class for grades 1st-3rd**
 - 6:30-7:15 pm: Christmas Program Practice for 4th and 5th Grade**
 - 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room
 - 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room

Friday:

- **8:30am:** Operation Christmas Child trip to Processing Center in Minneapolis, MN
- **7:00pm:** Secret Sister Reveal. Please bring a card and/or small gift for your "sister". Hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent: This morning, Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — A God in Barren Places."

- **Lord willing, we will also celebrate** the Sacrament of Holy Communion this morning
- **8:20 am:** Senior Choir meets in the Sanctuary. We will sing our Advent Anthem at the Cornerstone service (9:00) this morning.
- **10:10 am:** Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship
- **10:10 am:** Christmas Program practice for 3yr olds—5th Grade in Sanctuary

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community

Faith in action for December is Sharing Christmas Families. Our Church has adopted 4 larger families for the Sharing Christmas Program sponsored by Upper Des Moines. We are asking FRC members to help make Christmas special for a family that is less fortunate. All you need to do is check out the list of "needs" the families have submitted on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. If there is something on the list that you can furnish for a needy family, place a check mark on the line next to it (that way we do not buy duplicates). Bring your WRAPPED purchases to church and place it in the box designated for that family. **ALL items must to be in church by December 10th.** Thank you in advance for your help. Let's help make a special Christmas for others!

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Christmas Program Practice Reminder!! Students are preparing for the Christmas Program. Parents please, please, please have your students here for Sunday School and Wednesday Night to help this process go smoothly. **Grades 4 and 5** will be practicing their skit on **Wednesday night November 29.** **ALL STUDENTS 3 yr. olds— 5th Grade** will be practicing on **Sunday morning, December 3 and Wednesday night, December 6th.** Children 3 yrs. old—Kindergarten will be dismissed after their practice is finished on Wednesday night. They do not need to stay the entire practice time.

Thanks to the generosity of the members of First Reformed Church, ninety-eight children will be able to excitedly open Shoebox Gifts from Operation Christmas Child. These children will also be blessed by receiving the saving message of Jesus Christ and his love. Thank you for your willingness to share your blessings with children around the world.

Join us as we volunteer at the processing center in Minneapolis for Operation Christmas Child on Friday Dec. 1 from 1 – 5. Help prepare the MANY, MANY shoeboxes to be shipped to their destination. We plan to meet at church at 7:30 to arrange car pools for the trip to Minneapolis and we plan to return home following our time at the processing center. A sign up sheet is on the information center. Contact Annette Janssen for more details 754-4174.

Secret Sister Reveal!! We will be revealing our Secret Sisters in the Fireside Room, Friday, December 1st at 7:00 pm. New forms are in your mailboxes and at the information center. Ladies, high school to 100 if you would like to participate please return the form by December 3rd.

Right Now Media... If you would like to be signed up to take advantage of Right Now Media, please stop at the Information Center to fill out the Sign-up slip (only your email is needed) and place the slip in the box. Thanks!

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A Christmas Gift & Bake Sale hosted by Team Trinity will be held Saturday, December 2, from 8am-1pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be decorative gifts, homemade crafts such as bowl huggers, baked potato bags, hot pads and LOTS of goodies to choose from. Please come and help Team Trinity raise money for the American Cancer Society.

2017 Holiday Tour of Homes!! Please join us on December 2nd from 10:00 --- 1:00 for the annual Tour of Homes. This year's homes to be featured are: Gary and Kris Vipond, Dave and Ilea Herbert, Harold and Mim Ernst and Jim Borden & Pastor Barb Kopperud. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the homes the day of the tour or the Porch on Main, S-O school and United Community Bank in Ocheyedan.

The Sibley Christian Reformed Church invites you to the concert of the Master's Voice Quartet from Sioux Falls, SD, Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m.

The Osceola Community Express board is looking for a bus driver. It would be perfect for a retired person but you do not have to be. If interested call Jerry Johnson at 712-461-0470.

Advance Notices:

December 6: 9:00am: Coffee with the Pastor

December 10: 9:00am: We will celebrate the sacrament of Infant Baptism of Kayler Brentlei Town, Daughter of Brent and Chelsey Town.

December 10: 11:00am: 3yrs—5th gr. Sunday School Christmas Program

December 11: 7:00pm: Consistory will meet (note date change)

December 13: 9:00am: Mothers Together

December 18: 11:00am Faith Bible study will meet at the Lantern

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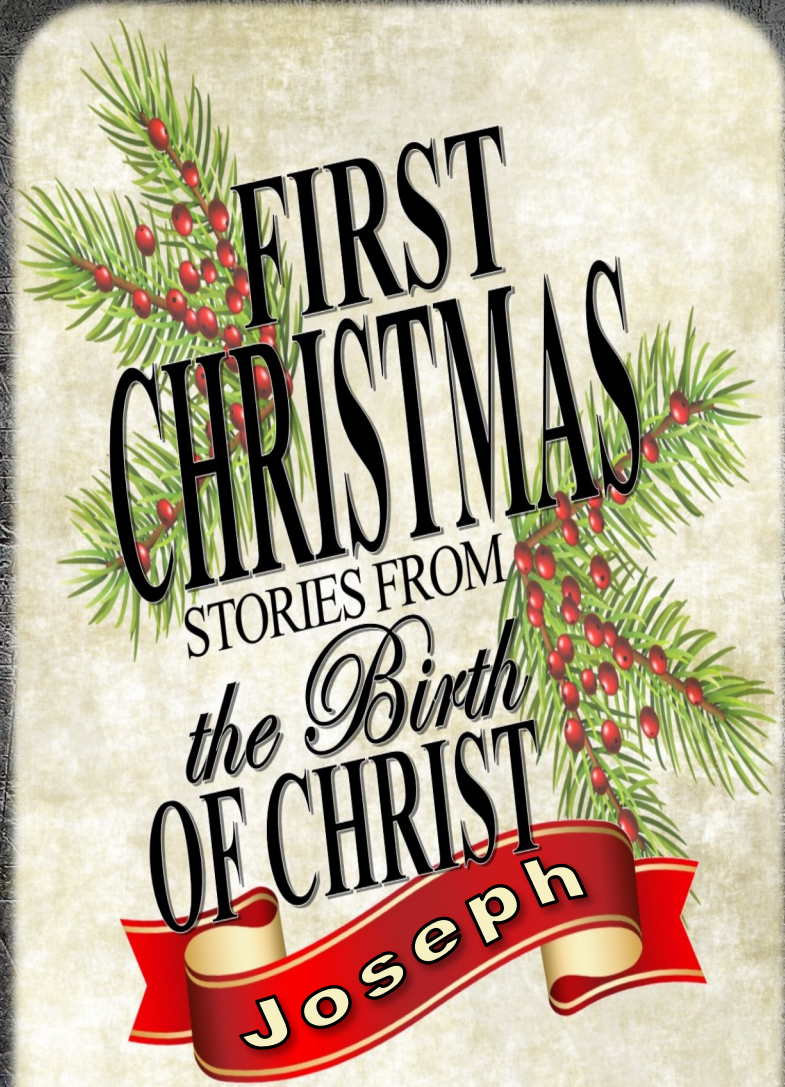
Hrs.: Thurs. 8am–1pm; Fri 8am-12pm

Visit our website at: sibleyfrc.org

All bulletin announcements are due in the church office on Wednesdays by noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: November 26	Next Week: December 3
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: John & Kim Mc Dougall/family M: Dave & Jessica McDyer/family E: Keith & Brenda Michelson	W: Dick & Marcia Oldenkamp M: Marlys Pietz & Jen Schram E: Larry & Rhonda Riebeling
After Church Greeters:	SE: Josh Lucas C: Pastor Luke SW: Lawrence Wiersma BE: John Bartels BW: Marcus De Boer	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Ken Loerts BE: Heath De Jong BW: Ron Dykstra
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Marcus De Boer Open Door: Stan Gaalswyk	Cornerstone: Cal Runia Open Door: Heath De Jong
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: Deb K Helper: Family of Lincoln & Addison McDyer 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Paisley Kreykes	9:00 am Leader: Deb K Helper: Family of Kalen Heronimus 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Jaxton Loerts
Nursery:	Cornerstone: Daphne Bremer & Dal- ten/Tayler Sunday School: Luella Eggink & Jan Hen- richs Open Door Service: Marvella & Britta Har- berts	Cornerstone: Brenda & Leah Ackerman Sunday School: Lana Hibma & Tami Tracy Open Door Service: Jill Leusink & Maureen Heilman
Library:	Pauline Van Engen	Leanne Van Kley
Coffee:	Harold & Luella Eggink	Harold and Mim Ernst



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