

Let Us Approach the

Throne of Grace

so that we may *with confidence,*

receive mercy
and *find grace*

to help us
in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 8, 2018**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:14-16 pg. 1866

SERMON TITLE: "From Theology to Reality"

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 a visitor card found by the hymnals in the pew 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: "24 Hours That Changed the World" meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall
- 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: March 29, 2018: Maundy Thursday: Benevolent: \$1,168

Offerings April 1, 2018: General Fund-\$4,388; Benevolent Fund-\$200; Building-\$50; HS/MS Remnant-\$50.

Special offering for April is Bible League.

In order to pay our 1st quarter Benevolent bills we will need \$15,000 in addition to our normal offerings, by the end of March.

Grow! In His Word

Sunday, April 8:

We welcome Mr. Bart De Boer as he leads us in worship this morning. Mr. De Boer serves as the executive director of the Furniture Mission in Sioux Falls, SD, an organization that donates used furniture and household items to families in need.

Tuesday, April 10:

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

Wednesday, April 11:

- **9:00 am:** Mothers Together will meet. Young mothers, join us as we will be making a special craft for you to enjoy and watching a DVD on "Healthy Sleep Habits for Kids". It will be a meeting with something to pamper yourself plus something to help you be a great mom. Child care provided. New moms always welcomed!

- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**

- 6:30-7:15 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade**

- 6:30-7:15 pm: Middle School Remnant meets** in the Youth Room

- 7:15-8:30 pm: HS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room

- **7:00 pm: Children's Choir Practice**

Friday, April 13:

- **2:30 pm FRC is helping with BINGO** at Country View Manor

Sunday, April 15:

This morning Pastor Luke will begin his new sermon series entitled, "Amos...Ancient Warnings for a Modern World—The Awesome God." We thank the Children's Choir for leading us in special music this morning.

Mark Your Calendars:

April 16: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study will meet

- **4:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet**
- **6:00 pm Elders / Deacons will meet**
- **7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet**

April 18: Last Wednesday night for Bible Classes until Fall

April 21: 5:00-8:00pm Kraayenbrink Fundraiser at SO High School

April 22: We celebrate with Grace Sayler and Sophia Hisek as they each make their Profession of Faith this morning at the Open Door Service.

April 29: Last Sunday School until Fall. "Bible Stories Live" will be taking place in between services to showcase what the students have learned this past year.

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community

Faith in action for April: We will be collecting items that will be put to use in our church kitchen. Items needed are: napkins, paper towels, Dawn dish soap, Clorox wipes or some other type of disinfecting wipes, scouring pads etc. Maybe you have worked in the kitchen and know of something that would be useful that you would like to bring. All items are appreciated!

You are invited! Come celebrate Ed and Leona's 50th wedding anniversary on April 14 here at FRC. An Open House will be held from 2:00-4:30 with a short program at 2:30. The couple requests no gifts or cards. Let your presence be your gift.

Sound Technician Job opening. FRC is seeking an individual to run the sound board for the church services and other events. A job description and application form are in the office. If interested, please stop in the office and pick up an application. All applications are due by May 1, 2018.

Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School is coming to Sibley FRC! At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Sign-up sheets for kids and volunteer opportunities including Assistant Co-Directors have been posted in the back of church. Be sure to also complete the online registration forms for both participants and volunteers at <https://vbspro.events/p/sibleyfrc>. You can also reach this link through our updated website at www.sibleyfrc.org under the children tab. Call/text Jena Ver Steeg (507-360-0748) or Kelsey Joseph (712-301-2044) for additional information.

FRC's mission trip to Romania has been set! Lennis Harberts will be taking a group to Romania May 11-19, 2018. If you are planning to go, please contact Lennis as soon as possible. Plane tickets and other items will need to be finalized.

Save the Dates: The annual FRC Father/Son, Grandpa/Grandson, "adopted" sons, Fishing Trip will be held from August 2-4 at the Hidden Hill Lodge at Roslyn, SD. The approximate cost per person for the retreat will be \$150 which includes lodging and food. Enjoy fishing in beautiful NE South Dakota with many lakes nearby. Please see the signup sheet posed on the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Daren Rockman (712) 330-8941 or Brian Althoff at (712) 209-6339.

BINGO HELP: Thank you to everyone who signed up to help for the month of April. FRC is also responsible for bingo at Sibley Specialty Care on Fridays at 2:00 pm for the month of May. Please consider giving an hour to serve in Christ's name. A sign-up sheet is on the information center.

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Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, April 10th from 4-6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come. Please bring your own bags, baskets, or boxes to carry your food.

Sibley United Methodist church invites everyone to a Baked Potato Supper on **Wednesday, April 11 from 5-7pm.** Your meal will include a baked potato with your choice of toppings, side of coleslaw, beverage and dessert. Free will offering will be collected.

Mike Kraayenbrink Benefit 2 person 'MIKE' Basketball Tournament will be **April 21 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm** at the S-O High School. Admission will be a free will donation. Concessions served will include grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Bake Sale items will be available and for sale. Carnival games and entertainment will be provided for all ages. To register by April 17 for the 'MIKE' Tournament text Amie Elser at 712-461-1720, Sara Hibma at 712-330-4721, or Kent Douma at 712-348-9026. If you would like to donate baked goodies, please contact Diane Langstraat at 461-0312 or dlangst05@gmail.com. This event is being sponsored by WeCare. For more information see the posters which have been placed around the church.

ALL VOLUNTEERS- VOLUNTEER SALAD LUNCHEON- Sibley Specialty Care presents "Growing Together" on **Thursday April 26 at 2:00 p.m.** Join us for a celebration in honor of your hard work and time you have devoted to being a volunteer at our facility. We greatly appreciate all that you do; we could not do it without you! Please stop by and be recognized. It will be an afternoon of fun, food, and learning about "The Evolution of a Northwest Iowa Garden" with Esther D'Agrosa. Thank you again volunteers for all you do. ~Amber Brinkhous, Activity Director at Sibley Specialty Care

Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, **May 7, at 11:30 am** at the First Christian Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa (408 Arizona Ave. S.W.) Come learn about the work of Bible League in Latin America and enjoy the music of the Siouxland Women's Chorus. **You are asked to bring a salad for every two people to share.** Drinks will be provided. Please give this prayerful consideration. it would be so GREAT to have a large group come together to support the work of Bible League International.

Sermon Notes:

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Miss a message? Want to hear the message again? Go to **Sibleyfrc.org** and click on "sermon" to watch the video.

Pray for God's People



If you have a pastoral need, please call Pastor Luke Schouten, 920-889-3911, any consistory elder or the church office (754-2783) Remember, we cannot print your name unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included, please contact the office.

- **Pray for those in assisted living:** Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink.
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Larry Buysman, Minnie De Jong, Tracy Den Beste, Dutch Kruger and Lois May
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Jeff and Chelsea Lampen, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

Prayer Requests

We ask that you continue to lift former member Jay Ten Napel, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and his wife Karen, up in prayer as they deal with Jay's diagnosis and treatment. Pray for strength and courage for them. Cards and notes of encouragement can be sent to Jay and Karen Ten Napel at 2662 E Renegade Trail, San Tan, AZ 85143.

Karla Crichton and Jim Van Engen were patients this past week at the Osceola Community Hospital and were both able to return home. Please pray for continued healing and strength for them.

Please remember Pastor Luke in your prayers this week as he takes his week of continuing education. During this study week he spends time in prayer, reads scripture and discerns what he will preach on for the 2018-2019 year.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Michael Wielenga and Amber Mortenson who were married on March 30 in Cancun. May God bless you as you begin this new journey as husband and wife.

Congratulations are also extended to Justin and Angela Van Tilburg who are the proud parents of a new baby boy born on Monday, April 2. Trace Allen is welcomed home by two big brothers, Jackson and Cole. Congratulations to the entire family!

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: April 8	Next Week: April 15
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Jerry & Sylvia Bosma M: Glenn & Paul Doorenbos E: Merlin & Karen Doorenbos	W: Cory & Amy Dykstra/family M: LaVon Dykstra & Jane Buysman E: Mark & Tanya Dykstra/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: Marcus De Boer C: Heath De Jong SW: Ron Dykstra BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas	SE: Josh Lucas C: Harold Ernst SW: Henry Fisher BE: Stan Gaalswyk BW: Pastor Luke
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Duane Vande Hoef Open Door: Dale Honken	Cornerstone: Dick Oldenkamp Open Door: Bill Hartzell
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: Jamie Hulstein Helper: Family of Hadlie Town 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker	9:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper: Jeannette Juffer 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper:
Nursery:	Cornerstone 10:00am: Daphne Bremer & Dalten or Tayler Sunday School: Lana Hibma Open Door Service 11:00 am: Darcy Martinez & Lacy Julius	Cornerstone 10:00am: Brenda & Leah Ackerman Sunday School: Sandy Lamfers Open Door Service 11:00 am: Tiffany and Liz Wynia
Library:	Janice Runia	Jen Schram
Coffee:	Ger and Barb Van Diepen	Bob and Gladys Tiedeman

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