

GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:5-25 PG. 1587

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*"FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—
A GOD IN BARREN PLACES"*

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.sibleyfrfc.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. 22, 2017: Benevolent-\$19,697

Offerings: Nov. 26, 2017: General Fund-\$5,291; Benevolent Fund-\$885; MS Remnant-\$50. **Special offering for November** is Benevolent Fund.

Between now and the end of the year we will need to collect in offerings around \$30,000 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, 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.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

- **9:00 am:** Coffee with the Pastor
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
 - 6:30-7:15 pm:** Christmas Program Practice for 3 yrs olds-5th Grade. Children 3 yrs. old—Kindergarten will be dismissed after their practice is finished
 - 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room
 - 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent: *Combined Worship Service this Morning.* This morning, Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — Always Making Room." We will also celebrate the sacrament of Infant Baptism of Kayler Brentlei Town, Daughter of Brent and Chelsey Town.

- **8:20 am:** Senior Choir meets in the Sanctuary. We will sing our Advent Anthem as well as provide the special music at the Cornerstone service (9:00) this morning.
- **10:10 Sunday School for 6th grade—Adult.** The 3 yr olds—5th grade classes will use this time to get ready for the program.
- **11:00 am:** 3 yrs. old—5th Grade Christmas Program, "Christmas Star"

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. **ALL STUDENTS 3 yr. olds—5th Grade** will be practicing this 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.

Missing! We are missing 5 strands of LED blue lights that were donated for VBS this past summer and were not returned. If you have them or have seen them please contact the Church Office. Thanks!

We are looking for individuals to help run the sound board. If you feel led to help out in this way, please check out the Information Center and sign up to help. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

The MS Remnant youth are selling Papa Murphy's Take 'n' Bake Pizzas, Cheese Bread and Cookie Dough...Just in time for your holiday gatherings!! The pizzas come ready-made and can easily be frozen. All proceeds will be going to the **MS Remnant** for their Power Connection trip this Summer. Please complete the order form found in your mailbox or one on the Information Center and place it in the box in the Fellowship Hall. You may also order by contacting a member of the Middle School Remnant Youth Group. All orders need to be in by **December 13.** **Delivery will be on December 20 from 5:00-6:00pm..**

The last day to contribute to the 2017 budget will be Thursday, December 28th. I will be closing the books that week to prepare for the year 2018. Anything received after this date will be held until 2018. Thanks for your understanding. ~Brenda

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
born_ to set thy peo - ple free; from our
sins and fears re - lease us;
let us find our rest in thee.

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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. and also to the concert of the Cornerstone on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00. Invite your friends to join you and come to hear the messages they will be giving.

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.

The Lantern will be hosting a Haitian fundraising meal on Wednesday December 6th from 5 to 7 p.m. We will be serving an authentic Haitian meal. All profits go to help build reliable housing in Haiti.

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!

Advance Notices:

- December 11: 6:00pm: Elders and Deacons will meet**
6:45pm: Full Consistory will meet (note date and time change) New Consistory Members are welcome and encouraged to attend
- December 13: 9:00am: Mothers Together**
- December 18: 11:00am: Faith Bible study will meet at the Lantern**
- December 18: 11:30am: Patience Bible Study will meet at the Lantern**
- December 24: Services at regular times; No Sunday School**
- December 24: 9:00am: We will celebrate the sacrament of Infant Baptism of Addison Claire Weg, Daughter of AJ and Jenny Weg**
- December 24: 6:00pm: Christmas Eve Service**
- December 27: No Mothers Together; No Wednesday Night Activities**
- December 31: Services at regular times; No Sunday School**

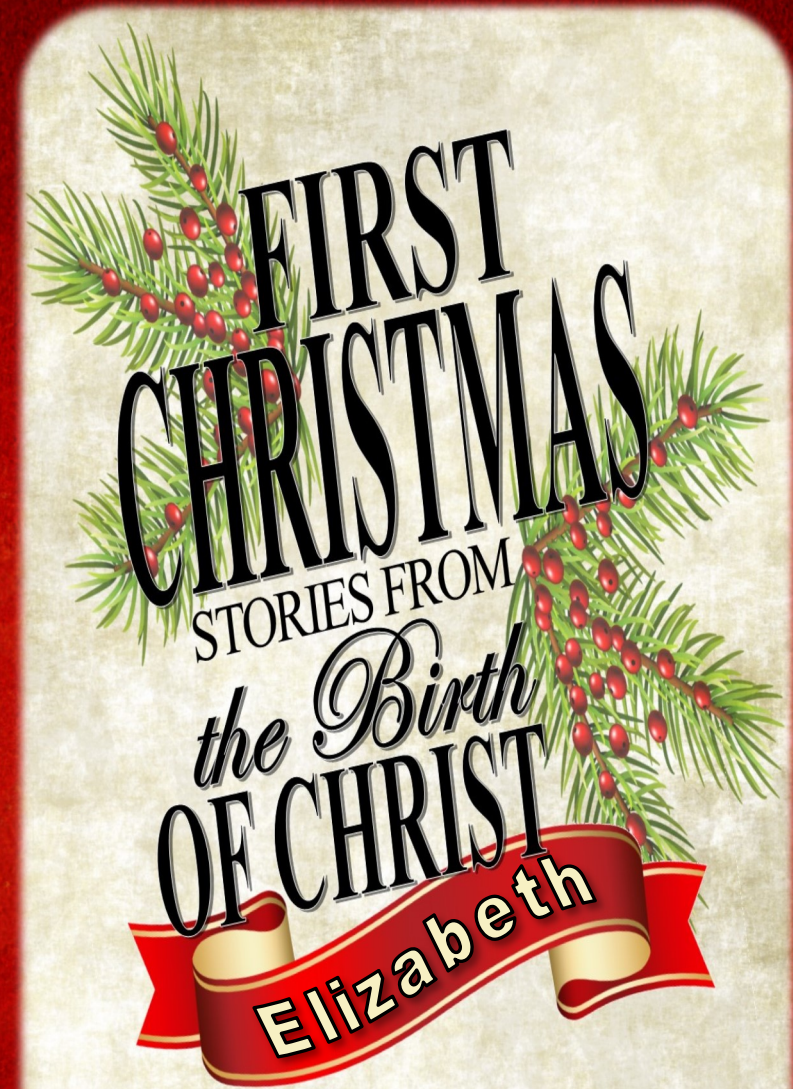
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All bulletin announcements are due in the church office on Wednesdays by noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 3	Next Week: December 10
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Dick & Marcia Oldenkamp M: Marlys Pietz & Jen Schram E: Larry & Rhonda Riebeling	W: Lyle Peelen & Marlin Roelfs M: Cal & Kathy Runia E: Marvin & Janice Runia
After Church Greeters:	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Ken Loerts BE: Heath De Jong BW: Ron Dykstra	SE: Harold Ernst C: Pastor Luke SW: Josh Lucas BE: Henry Fisher BW: Stan Gaalswyk
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Cal Runia Open Door: Heath De Jong	Cornerstone: Lennis Harberts Open Door: Dale Honken
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: Deb K Helper: Family of Kalen Heronimus 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Jaxton Loerts	9:00 am Leader: Deb K Helper: Family of Hadlie Town 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker
Nursery:	Cornerstone: Brenda & Leah Ackerman Sunday School: Lana Hibma & Tami Tracy Open Door Service: Jill Leusink & Maureen Heilman	Cornerstone: Wilma Leusink & Andrea Leusink Sunday School: Megan Loerts & Tami Tracy Open Door Service: Kelsey Joseph & Kira Christensen
Library:	Leanne Van Kley	Marcia Van Ruler
Coffee:	Harold and Mim Ernst	Stan & Gert Gaalswyk



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