

GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:4-7 PG. 1590

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

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

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: Dec. 3, 2017: General Fund—\$9,751; Benevolent Fund—\$494; Building—\$155; MS Remnant—\$50; Village NW—\$100. **Special offering for December** is Benevolent Fund.

Between now and the end of the year we will need to collect in offerings around \$25,000 to meet our budget obligations. (\$15,000 is for Benevolences) 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 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." Today we will 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: Christmas Program, "Christmas Star"**

Monday:

- **6:00 pm: Elders and Deacons will meet**
- **6:45 pm: Full Consistory will meet (note date and time change) New Consistory Members are welcome and encouraged to attend**

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

- **9:00 am:** Mothers Together will meet. Moms, you deserve a break! Mothers of young children are invited to a Christmas Brunch. Enjoy a relaxing morning of sharing with other mothers, good food, a Christmas crafts and some laughs. All of this without your little ones needing some of your attention for they will be at the excellent child care that is provided. Join us!

- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**

6:30-7:15 pm: Bible Class for 1st—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

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent: This morning, Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — God's Chosen Nobodies."

- **8:20 am:** Senior Choir will meet. We will sing our Advent Anthem at the Cornerstone service (9:00) this morning.
- **10:30 am:** Romania Mission Trip Informational meeting

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community

Faith in action for December is Sharing Christmas Families. Sharing Christmas Families' gifts are due **TODAY**. Please place them in the Fellowship Hall Boxes marked for each family. The gifts will be delivered to Upper Des Moines on Monday morning.

The last day to contribute to the 2017 budget will be Friday, December 29th. 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

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Christmas Program Student Info: Grades 4 and 5 please meet in your Sunday School rooms at 10:15 to get into costumes. All other students (3 yr olds—3rd grade) are to meet in their Sunday School rooms at 10:30.

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!! 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. To give credit to a particular student please write the student's name on the top of your order form. All orders need to be in by **December 13. Delivery will be on December 20 from 5:00-6:00pm.**

Romania Mission Trip: We are looking to plan two mission trips to Romania during the months of April and May. There will be an informational meeting next Sunday at 10:30am in the front of the Sanctuary for anyone interesting in learning more.

Prayer Quote: Last week Pastor Luke used a prayer quote in his sermon that many have asked to have a copy of. Copies were made and have been placed on the Information Center if you are interested in picking one up.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, Lord Jesus, Come". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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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Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, December 12th 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.

The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen meal is being held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6:00 p.m., games beginning at 5:00 p.m. Soups, breads, Christmas cookies and goodies will be served. All are welcome! No charge or freewill offering.

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!

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.

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!

Advance Notices:

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 10	Next Week: December 17
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Lyle Peelen & Marlin Roelfs M: Cal & Kathy Runia E: Marvin & Janice Runia	W: Dr. Brian and Heidi Saylor/family M: Ted and Eileen Schutte E: Verlyn and Donna Smidt
After Church Greeters:	SE: Harold Ernst C: Pastor Luke SW: Josh Lucas BE: Henry Fisher BW: Stan Gaalswyk	SE: Ed Harskamp C: Bill Hartzell SW: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: Dale Honken
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Lennis Harberts Open Door: Dale Honken	Cornerstone: Duane Vande Hoef Open Door: Lawrence Wiersma
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: Deb K Helper: Family of Hadlie Town 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker	9:00 am Leader: Jamie H Helper: Family of Breanna Ross 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra
Nursery:	Cornerstone: Wilma Leusink & Andrea Leusink Sunday School: Megan Loerts & Tami Tracy Christmas Program: Kelsey Joseph & Kira Christensen	Cornerstone: Laurel & Natalie Klaassen Sunday School: Peg Van Kley & Pam Vande Hoef Open Door Service: Darcy Martinez and Lacey Julius
Library:	Marcia Van Ruler	Phyllis Vander Linden
Coffee:	Stan & Gert Gaalswyk	Dwayne & Janice Heikes

