

GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:8-16 PG. 1591

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*"FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—
GOD'S CHOSEN NOBODIES"*

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. 10, 2017: General Fund—\$5,283; Benevolent Fund—\$1,470; Building—\$55; MS Remnant—\$50; Lighting—\$625; Sunday School Program—\$622.50. **Special offering for December** is Benevolent Fund.

Between now and the end of the year we will need to collect in offerings around \$20,000 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 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."

- **8:45 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

Monday:

- **11:00am:** Faith Bible study will meet at the Lantern
- **11:30am:** Patience Bible Study will meet at the Lantern

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
 - 6:30-7:15 pm:** Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade
 - 6:00-7:15 pm** MS Remnant meets in the Youth Room for their Christmas Party!!
 - 7:15-8:30 pm** HS Remnant meets in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 24, Forth Sunday of Advent: This morning, Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — Our Hearts are Full." Today we will celebrate the sacrament of Infant Baptism of Addison Claire Weg, Daughter of AJ and Jenny Weg

- **8:45 am:** Senior Choir will meet. We will sing our Advent Anthem at the Cornerstone service (9:00) this morning as well as at the Christmas Eve Service tonight.
- **6:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service.** Tonight's offering is designated for the Benevolent Fund.

Greeters: W: Randy Van De Berg and Ryan Wiersma; M— Duane and Pam Vande Hoef; E-Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden.

After Church Greeters: SE: Josh Lucas, C: Ed Meendering

SW: Ken Loerts, BE: Lyle Peelen, BW: Pastor Luke

Nursery: Jenna Ver Steeg and Chelsey Town

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community

Faith in action for January is Layettes for Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. Anything a mom would need for a newborn: receiving blankets, onesies, nightgowns, burp cloths, baby oil/lotion, diapers. Whatever you can think of. (Remember Mom, too!)

January Newsletter deadline will be December 23. Please have any items you would like to have printed in the newsletter into the office by that date. Newsletter will be printed on December 27th. Thanks! ~Jamie

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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 Papa Murphy's Take 'n' Bake Pizzas, Cheese Bread and Cookie Dough will be here on **Wednesday, December 20 from 5:00pm-6:00pm.** All items **are not frozen** so you are highly encouraged to pick them up as soon as possible.

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 today at 10:30am in the front of the Sanctuary for anyone interesting in learning more.

The Deacons have received money that has been designated to go toward the new lighting project in the Sanctuary. If you feel led to contribute to this project as well, please designate this on your offering and those funds will be set aside.

The Papa Murphy's Take 'n' Bake Pizzas, will be Delivered on Wednesday, December 20 from 5:00-6:00pm. Please make a point to pick up the pizzas you ordered since they will come in fresh and will need to be frozen or refrigerated.

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

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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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.

A Organ Dedication concert will be held Saturday, December 23, at 4:00 p.m., in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church sanctuary. The concert will feature favorite carols performed by Ben Jacobsma and Cindy Kemp. Christmas cookies and coffee will be served following the dedication concert. We welcome you to come and make this event a part of your Christmas celebration!

Advance Notices:

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

**January 3: 9:00am Coffee With the Pastor
No Wednesday Night Activities**

January 7: One Combined Service; Installation & Ordination of Elders and Deacons

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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: December 17	Next Week: December 24
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Dr. Brian & Heidi Saylor/family M: Ted & Eileen Schutte E: Verlyn & Donna Smidt	W: Donna Sterler & LaVonne Prins M: Dave & Lesa Stoffernan E: Bob & Gladys Tiedeman
After Church Greeters:	SE: Ed Harskamp C: Bill Hartzell SW: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: Dale Honken	SE: Dan Janssen C: Dr. Greg Kusters SW: Arnie Langstraat BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Duane Vande Hoef Open Door: Lawrence Wiersma	Cornerstone: Stan Gaalswyk Open Door: Cal Runia
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: Jamie H Helper: Family of Breanna Ross 11:00 am Leader: Deb K. Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra	9:00 am: <u>No Children and Worship</u> 11:00 am: <u>No Children and Worship</u>
Nursery:	Cornerstone: Laurel & Natalie Klaassen Sunday School: Peg Van Kley & Pam Vande Hoef Open Door Service: Darcy Martinez & Lacey Julius	Cornerstone: Gina & Jaden Jacobsma Sunday School: <u>No Sunday School</u> Open Door Service: Tami & Lindy Tracy
Library:	Phyllis Vander Linden	Alfreda Verdoorn
Coffee:	Dwayne & Janice Heikes	Bill & LaDonn Hartzell

