

We are delighted 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 --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

**10:10-10:50 am Sunday School,
Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time**

- Sunday School for ages 3 yrs.- Adult
- Sunday School Guide will meet in the Library
 - Men's Bible Study: "Forgotten God" meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall
 - Women's Bible Study: "Let. It. Go." meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall
- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

11 am - Open Door Service

Join us for a time of praise and worship by use of contemporary music, prayer, scripture and a Bible Talk.

Children and Worship --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE TITLE: "Advent: Between Already and Not Yet--Hope"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 1:18-22

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for November 25, 2018: General Fund-\$5773; Benevolent Fund-\$1540; Building Fund-\$105. Thanksgiving Offering-\$21,540.

Special offering for December is Benevolent.

Advent

Between Already and Not Yet

HOPE



Happening This Week

Sunday, December 2:

- **The message this morning** is “Advent: Between Already and Not Yet-- Hope.” Today, Lord willing, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir and Curt and Peg Van Kley for leading our Advent reading and lighting this morning.
- **8:15 am: Joyful Voices Choir** will meet in the Sanctuary
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** will meet

Tuesday, December 4:

- **8:30 am: Chickadee Quilters**
- **7:00 pm: Women’s Bible Study** will meet

Wednesday, December 5:

- **9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor**
- **6:00 pm: Congregational Spaghetti Supper**
- **7:00 pm: Christmas Program Practice** in the Fireside Room. Middle School students will assist with this
- **7:00 pm: Annual Congregational Meeting** child care will be provided

Sunday, December 9:

- **The message this morning** is “Advent: Between Earth and Heaven -- Peace.”
- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir** will meet
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** will meet

Mark Your Calendars

December 12: 9:00 am: Mother’s Together will meet

- **6:00-7:00pm: Papa Murphy Pizza Order Pick-up**

December 16: 9:00 am: Combined Worship Service

- **11:00 am: Sunday School Christmas Program**
- **2:00 pm: Christmas Cantata** at S-O High School Auditorium

December 17: 10:30 am: Faith Bible Study will meet

- **11:30 am: Patience Bible Study** will meet
- **6:00 pm: Elder / Deacon Meetings**
- **7:00 pm: Full Consistory** will Meet

Faith in Action for November is Operation Christmas Child. Bless a child with a shoebox gift this Christmas. Monetary donations are welcome.

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events



Faith In Action for the Month of 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 less fortunate family. All you need to do is check the list of “needs” the families have submitted on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. If there is something 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 be to church by December 16th.** Thank you in advance for your help. Let’s help make a special Christmas for others!



The Papa Murphy’s Pizza Orders will be delivered Wednesday, December 12 from 6-7pm. These are fresh pizzas not frozen, so please make every effort to be there during that hour to pick them up. Thank you for your support of the Youth Groups!!

Offering envelopes will be available again this year for those who would like to use them. If you would like to start, stop or continue using offering envelopes please let the office know.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE NOTE: 1ST -5TH Grade Students please report to the Fireside Room at 7:00pm Wednesday, December 5th for program practice. Parents: Program Practice will be taking place during the Congregational Meeting. Your students will be dismissed after the meeting.

Christmas Program Practices have now started. Please be sure to have your student(s) at all practices. Having everyone there helps the directors out a lot!! Thank you in advance!! Here is a list of practice times:

3 yr old - Kindergarten: Sun. Dec. 2nd and Sun. Dec. 9th

1st- 3rd grade and 4th and 5th grade: Sun. Dec. 2nd, Wed. Dec. 5th, Sun. Dec. 9th, and Wed. Dec. 12th.

Happy Birthday to Trudy Dykstra who will turn 80 years young today!! To help Trudy celebrate this Milestone Birthday let’s shower her with cards!! Birthday cards and well wishes can be placed in her mailbox here at church or mailed to her at the following address: 1204 6th Street NE, Sibley, IA 51249.

From the Library: Many books have been placed on tables in the Fellowship Hall. Most of the fiction is on the east end while non-fiction is farther west. Feel free to take home any that interest you. Leftovers will be recycled after December 16.

You are cordially invited to enhance your holiday season by attending the **Community Choir cantata, *Sing Christmas***, to be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2:00 PM at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School auditorium. The Christmas choral experience, performed by local musicians, will be directed by S-O vocal instructor, Ben Sides, and will serve as a fundraiser for the ministry of ATLAS of Osceola County.

Community Choir Cantata practices will be Dec.2 at 2:00pm at FRC; Dec 5 at 7:40 pm at Trinity; December 9 at 2:00 pm at S-O High School, and Dec. 15 at 10:00 am at the S-O High School.

The Sibley Christian Reformed Church invites you to the concert of the Sanborn Men's Quartet "Four For Him" on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Invite your friends to join you and come to hear the message they will be giving.

Faith Lutheran Church of Sibley will host a concert and free soup supper on Sunday, December 9th at the Sibley United Methodist Church building (700 11th Ave. NE). The concert presentation of "How Great Our Joy" by the Harbor of Joy Choir of Milford will begin at 3:30 pm, followed by the meal, Christmas goodies, and fellowship.

POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 8!! The Sibley-Ocheyedan Choir Boosters invite you to attend the annual Christmas Tour of Homes on **December 8, from 10am-1pm**. This year's tour will feature the homes of Mitch and Abby Kreykes, Mike and Amber Wielenga, Marty and Marie Wallace. Tickets are \$10 and are available at The Porch on Main, S-O Choir Department and at each home the day of the tour.

Love's Pure Light Congregational part

"*Gesù Bambino*"
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY

O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

Sermon Notes:

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In Our Prayers



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, Geneva Wissink and Leona Eben.
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Minnie De Jong, Tracy Den Beste, Dutch Kruger, Harold Schram 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

Please continue to lift Robert Kruger, Brenda Wassman, Lawrence Wiersma, Michael Block Jr., Ed Meendering, Dave Stofferan, Cavell Van Westen, Mike Kraayenbrink, Kelli Vande Berg, and Roger Lindburg up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues. Pray for strength and healing for them as well as a sense of God's presence in their lives.

Pam Kroeger (daughter of Harold and Lynn Schram) underwent a double mastectomy on Tuesday, November 27. Please pray for minimal pain and complete healing with no complications. After several months of healing, she will do radiation followed by reconstruction surgery. Thank you for keeping these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Randy Van De Berg fell this past week and underwent back surgery this past week at the Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls. Please continue to pray for quick healing for him.

Leona Eben will be returning to Sibley on Sunday, December 2. She will first go to Sibley Specialty Care for more rehab and then back to Heartwood Hts. Continue to pray for healing for her.

Barb Van Diepen underwent surgery this past week. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she heals.

Words of Thanks

Dear friends of First Reformed Church, I cannot thank you enough for all of the words of encouragement, prayers, cards and thinking of me during these last few weeks. I am on my way to full recovery and I am finding myself feeling better. To say that I miss all of you would be an understatement. Thank you for everything you have done. Thank you for making my job there the blessed one that it was. I will and do miss all of you! I love you FRC!

~~Brenda Post

	This Week: December 2	Next Week: December 9
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Dennis & Dar Jurgens M: Mitch & Angie Ackerman E: Brian & Chelsey Alexander/family	W: Justin & Angela Van Tilburg/family M: Bobby & Dee Baker E: John & Sharon Bartels
After Church Greeters:	SE: Josh Lucas C: Larry Verdoorn SW: Lawrence Wiersma BE: John Bartels BW: Pastor Luke	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Marcus De Boer BE: Heath De Jong BW: Ron Dykstra
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Marcus De Boer Open Door: Heath De Jong	Cornerstone: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Lennis Harberts
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Ashilyn Hulstein 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Jamie Hulstein Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Jahlyn De Jong
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Tanya & Makya Dykstra Sunday School: Jan Henrichs Open Door Service 11:00 am: Chrissy Ackerman & Heather Tangeman	Cornerstone 9:00am: Amy Van Marel & Mary Hustoft Sunday School: Sandy Lamfers Open Door Service 11:00 am: Melissa De Boer & Sami Fox
Library:	Beth Hulstein	Jamie Hulstein
Coffee:	Scott & Marlys Dykstra	Duane & Pam Vande Hoef



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Hours: Mon, Thurs., Fri. 8am –2 pm
Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:45 pm

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