

## **GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!**

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 2:19 PG. 1591

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

*"FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—  
OUR HEARTS ARE FULL"*

**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](http://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. 17, 2017:** General Fund—\$7,444; Benevolent Fund—\$5,635; Building—\$0; Lighting—\$250; **Special offering for December** is Benevolent Fund.

**Between now and the end of the year** we will need to collect in offerings around \$12,000 to meet our budget obligations. (\$8,000 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 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. We would like to thank Kara Leach for providing the Special Music this morning.

- **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

**Monday:**

- **Merry Christmas!!! Church offices will be closed for the day.**

**Tuesday:**

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

**Wednesday:**

- **No Bible Classes or Youth Groups**

**Sunday, December 31** This morning, Pastor Luke will conclude his sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — The Signs are There."

- **8:20 am:** Senior Choir will meet.
- **No Sunday School**

## ***Go! And Serve Him***

### **Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community**

**Faith in action for January is Layette's 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!) All donated items need to be new. Thanks!

**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED!!** We are in need of Wednesday Night Teachers starting January 10. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time to help build God's Kingdom one child at a time. If you are interested please log onto our Google Docs or talk to Deb Kosters to get signed up.  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit#gid=0>.

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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.

**Romania Mission Trip:** We are looking to plan two mission trips to Romania during the months of April and May. If you are interested in either or both of these trips please contact Pastor Luke for more information.

**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 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

**If you ordered Papa Murphy's Pizza from the MS Remnant fundraiser** and have not yet picked them up, please check the freezer on the east wall in the kitchen. We also have extra pizzas for sale in the freezer on the north wall. Please place your pizza money in the envelope on the door. Thanks!

**It is Church Phone Directory time!!** Please take a couple minutes and look through your Church Phone Directory to see if your information is correct or if it is missing something. If you would like to make a change please let the office know before January 18. Thanks!

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.

**SPECK 'n' DICKEN GERMAN NEW YEAR'S PANCAKES** Everyone is invited to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sibley, Sunday, December 31, serving 11:00am-1:00pm. The Maxwell family will be serving a German New Year's traditional pancake meal called "Speck 'n' Dicken", made with meat and the flavor of anise. Free will offering.

### Advance Notices:

**December 27:** No Mothers Together; No Wednesday Night Activities

**December 31:** Services at regular times; No Sunday School

**January 1:** Happy New Year! Church offices will be closed for the day.

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

**January 7:** 10:00 am One Combined Service; Installation & Ordination of Elders and Deacons  
Baptism for Haley Marie Klaassen, daughter of Clint & Jamie Klaassen

**January 10:** 9:00 am: Mothers Together will meet  
2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services.

**January 15:** 9:00 am: Faith Bible Study will meet  
4:00 pm: Patience Bible Study will meet.

**January 24:** 9:00 am: Mothers Together will meet

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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!

	<b>This Week: December 24</b>	<b>Next Week: December 31</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Donna Sterler & LaVonne Prins <b>M:</b> Dave & Lesa Stoffernan <b>E:</b> Bob & Gladys Tiedeman	<b>W:</b> Ken & Sharalyn Tjaden <b>M:</b> Brent & Chelsey Town/family <b>E:</b> Greg & Tami Tracy/family
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>SE:</b> Dan Janssen <b>C:</b> Dr. Greg Kusters <b>SW:</b> Arnie Langstraat <b>BE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>BW:</b> Josh Lucas	<b>SE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>C:</b> Josh Lucas <b>SW:</b> Larry Riebeling <b>BE:</b> Cal Runia <b>BW:</b> Bob Tiedeman
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Stan Gaalswyk <b>Open Door:</b> Cal Runia	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Marcus DeBoer <b>Open Door:</b> Heath DeJong
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>9:00 am:</b> <u>No Children and Worship</u> <b>11:00 am:</b> <u>No Children and Worship</u>	<b>9:00 am:</b> <u>No Children and Worship</u> <b>11:00 am:</b> <u>No Children and Worship</u>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Gina & Jaden Jacobsma <b>Sunday School:</b> <u>No Sunday School</u> <b>Open Door Service:</b> Tami & Lindy Tracy	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Brenda Michelson & Linda Mehls <b>Sunday School:</b> <u>No Sunday School</u> <b>Open Door Service:</b> Tiffany & Liz Wynia
<b>Library:</b>	Alfreda Verdoorn	Kathy / Joel Verdoorn
<b>Coffee:</b>	Bill & LaDonn Hartzell	Ed and Jan Harskamp

