

Advent

Between Earth and Heaven

PEACE



First
Reformed
Church
Glorify
Grow
Go
Sibley, Iowa

Welcome to Church!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

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: "A Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel 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 Earth and Heaven-- Peace"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: MARK 1:1-8 PG:1551

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for December 2, 2018: General Fund--\$1962.00; Benevolent Fund 0; Building Fund-0. **Special offering for December is Benevolent.**

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 9:

- **The message this morning** is “Advent: Between Earth and Heaven -- Peace.” We thank the Joyful Voices Choir, Pam, Jared and Katie Kruger (first service) and Jahlyn DeJong (second service) for assisting with the Advent reading and candle lighting.
- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir** will meet
- **10:10 am: Sunday School will meet.** 3yrs old-5th grade will be practicing for the program. Please meet in your Sunday School rooms first then head to the sanctuary for practice. Grades 6th-Adult will have classes as usual.

Monday, December 10:

- **7:00 pm: Women’s Bible Study** will meet

Tuesday, December 11:

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

Wednesday, December 12:

- **9:00 am: Mother’s Together** will meet. See announcement in bulletin.
- **6:00-7:00pm: Papa Murphy Pizza Order Pick-up**
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups will meet**
 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade
 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Middle School Remnant meets in the Youth Room
 - 7:30-8:30 pm: HS Remnant meets in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 16:

- **9:00 am Combined Worship this morning.** This morning’s message is “Advent: Between Darkness and Light -- Joy.” We thank the Choir, and Burt and Jan Henrichs for assisting with the Advent reading and candle lighting.
- **Joyful Voices Choir** will not meet today but will sing for the service
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** Classes 3yrs old-5th grade please meet your teacher in your room to prepare for the program. Grades 6th-Adult will have classes as usual.
- **11:00 am: Annual Christmas Program** featuring the 3yr olds through 5th grade.
- **2:00 pm: Christmas Cantata at S-O High School Auditorium**

Mark Your Calendars

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

- **11:30 am: Patience Bible Study will meet** (see bulletin)
- **6:00 pm: Elder / Deacon Meetings**
- **7:00 pm: Full Consistory will meet.** All newly elected Consistory members are invited to attend the meeting

Dec 23, 26, 30, Jan 2: No Sunday School or Wednesday pm activities

December 24: 6:00pm: Christmas Eve Service

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events



Faith In Action for the Month of December is Sharing Christmas Families. We only have **one week left** to bless our 4 adopted families.

If you haven't taken the time yet, please stop by the wall and pick a couple items that we are still short on. Bring your WRAPPED purchases to church and place it in the box designated for that family. **ALL items must be to church by next Sunday, December 16th.** Let's help make a special Christmas for others!



The Papa Murphy's Pizza Orders will be delivered Wednesday, December 12 from 6-7pm.

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 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. 9th

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

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.

Moms --- do you need a break??? Moms of young children, join Mothers Together on **Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 9:00 a.m.** for a Christmas Brunch, a craft and a video on dealing with the stress of the holidays. Our brunch will be a potluck so bring a dish to share. Excellent child care provided. New moms always welcome.

Mentor Mom Needed! Do you have a heart for the challenges that mothers of young children deal with daily? Mothers Together is a faith based group that has met for over 20 years to support mothers. We are in need of a mentor mom whose role is to support the leaders of the group as they plan and organize the meetings plus to support the women who attend. Mothers Together meets twice a month October-May on Wednesday mornings. For more details contact Annette Janssen 712-461-0046. Is God tugging at your heart to make the call?

The Patience Circle Salad Luncheon will be **11:30 am on Monday, December 17** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your salad, dessert, or beverage that you signed up for. Plates and napkins will be furnished.

Sermon Notes:

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The Congregational meeting was held on December 5th. The following people were elected to serve on Consistory as Elders: Dr. Greg Kusters, Harold Ernst, and Marlin Roelfs; to serve as Deacons: Dan Heilman, Nathan Buysman and Scott Hulstein.

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.

The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on **Tuesday, December 11th 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, December 15, at 6 p.m.,** games beginning at 5 p.m. Soups, bread, Christmas cookies and goodies will be served. All are welcome! There is no charge or freewill offering.

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 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 last day to contribute to the 2018 budget will be Friday, December 30th. I will be closing the books that week to prepare for the year 2018. Anything received after this date will be held until 2019. Thanks for your understanding.
~Jamie

If you have been a greeter in the past year and have not turned your name tag back into the office, I ask that you please do so. We reuse the plastic sleeves and as of Friday I was totally out. Thanks!

Miss a message? Want to hear the message again? Scan our handy QR code to get quick access to our web page (Sibleyfrc.org) where you can click on “Sermons” to watch the video. While you are on our home page check out our other tabs for more church information.



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

Randy Van De Berg was able to return home from the hospital on Tuesday. We continue to pray for healing for him.

Leona Eben has returned to Sibley and is at Sibley Specialty Care for more rehab and then she will return to Heartwood Hts. Continue to pray for healing for her.

Barb Van Diepen underwent surgery this past week. She will be in the hospital for a while yet. Please continue to keep her and Ger in your prayers as Barb heals.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 9	Next Week: December 16
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Justin & Angela Van Tilburg/family M: Bobby & Dee Baker E: John & Sharon Bartels	W: Gretchen Bartelson & Marlys Brink M: Troy & Meggan Block/famiy E: Travis & Jill Boeke/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Marcus De Boer 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: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Lennis Harberts	Cornerstone: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Lennis Harberts
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Jamie Hulstein Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Jahlyn De Jong	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: 11:00 am No Children and Worship due to Christmas Program
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Amy Van Marel & Mary Hustoft Sunday School: Sandy Lamfers Open Door Service 11:00 am: Melissa De Boer & Sami Fox	Cornerstone 9:00am: Amy Van Marel & Mary Hustoft Sunday School: Sandy Lamfers No Open Door Service due to the Christmas Program at 11:00am
Library:	Jamie Hulstein	Mary Hustoft
Coffee:	Duane & Pam Vande Hoef	Lawrence & Ruth Ann Wiersma



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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.