

**JANUARY 12, 2025**

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today.  
Miss a service, want to watch a sermon again? Our services are broadcasted  
live on our YouTube Channel (Sibley First Reformed Church).

## ***Glorify God With Worship!***

### **9:00 am Praise and Worship Service**

**Prelude:** Deb Hulstein

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SONG:** "YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP*

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23

**MESSAGE:** "A LIFE WITHOUT LACK"

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG:** "HE LEADETH ME" #447

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "HE WILL KEEP YOU"

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, January 12:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian will begin his new series, "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack." Today we have the privilege of witnessing the ordination and Installation of the newly elected Elders and Deacons to the FRC Consistory.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **11:00 am: Round 3 of the Men's Cooking Competition "Its Getting Chili in Here!"** All are invited to join in on the meal of Chili and Cinnamon Rolls.
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

### Monday, January 13:

- **6:00 pm Elder / Deacon Meetings**
- **7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet**

### Tuesday, January 14:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet** in the Fireside Room

### Wednesday, January 15:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups**  
**6:30 pm: 1-5th Grade Bible Classes will meet**  
**6:30 pm: Middle School Remnant will meet**  
**7:30 pm: High School Remnant will meet**

### Thursday, January 16:

- **7 pm: Practicing the Way** weeknight class begins

### Sunday, January 19:

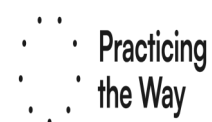
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues his "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" series with the message: *The Total Sufficiency of God*. Today we will also have Communion Preparatory to help prepare our hearts and minds to partake in the Lord's Supper next week.
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## Mark Your Calendars

- January 20: **9:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet**  
**3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet**
- January 26: **Youth Choir will sing**
- January 29: **MS & HS Remnant will be attending the program "Lead Different: With speaker Mike O'Connell" at the S-O High School Auditorium**

**Taste Testers Needed** for Round 3 of the Men's Cooking Competition **TODAY!**

**FRC will be serving the meal at Freedom's Gate Church on Sunday, January 12, 2025.** We will need 10 volunteers to help out with this outreach opportunity. Please sign up at the Information Center to volunteer. Please have the bars you signed up to bring to the church today by noon.



**Beginning February 2,** we will begin the program, ***Practicing the Way***, during the Sunday School hour. The Practicing the Way study is designed to introduce the participant to living a Christ-like changed life. For more details please see Pastor Brian.

**For those who can not attend the Sunday morning program, beginning Thursday, January 16 at 7pm,** we will be offering the program, Practicing the Way, on Thursday nights.



**Planning for Vacation Bible School 2025 is beginning, but help is needed!** Vacation Bible School needs 1-2 people to serve as directors. The role of director is primarily preparation in the months leading up to VBS, such as coordinating volunteers, promoting VBS, and utilizing the curriculum to organize everything needed to make the week a success! Are you being called to step into this role and plan a fun week of learning for our kids?! Please reach out to Jena Ver Steeg, Josh Lucas or any member of the Education Team- We'd love to talk to you more about this opportunity and answer any questions you may have.

**Round Table Discussion** concerning RCA and ARC was held last Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Here are the links that were discussed which give more information concerning the ARC:

<https://arc21.org/>

<https://midwestnetwork.org/>

Another Round Table will take place on January 26. If in the meantime you have further questions, please contact Pastor Brian or your calling Elder.

**BIBLE  
READING  
PLANS**

**Three Bible Reading Plans are available on the Book Table.**

Want to start a new Bible Plan in 2025?  
Three choices await you on the Book Table...

1. **Read the Bible in two years** - gives you more time to think through the passages.
2. **Read the Bible in one year** - Daily readings from the Old and New Testaments
3. **Chronological read through** - walk through the scriptures in historical order.

## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

The monthly **Fishes & Loaves Meal** will be held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on **Saturday, January 18, at 6 p.m.**, serving casseroles, dinner rolls, salads, cake, and ice cream. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge or freewill offering.



WITH SPEAKER MIKE O'CONNELL

**On Wednesday, January 29 @ 6:45pm** the MS and HS Youth Groups will be attending a keynote speaker at the high school. 1st-5th grade Bible classes will be held at church as scheduled. For parents planning to attend the event at the HS with their older students, please let their teacher know when dropping off that night that you'll be picking up your student after the program. We'll keep those kids inside and supervised until you are able to pick them up.

**Tri-State TEC, February 14-16** at New Life Church, Sioux Center, IA. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. *Are you an adult but still want to be involved?* We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit [tristatetec.org](http://tristatetec.org) for more information.

We are a home.  
We are a hope.  
We are here.

*First Reformed Church ~  
Your Change Changes Lives!*

Take home an empty baby bottle  
**BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**  
fill it with coins, cash, or  
check (payable to Cherish House)  
and **RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH BY**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025.**

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A clear plastic baby bottle filled with coins, used for the Cherish House campaign.

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23

**MESSAGE:** *A LIFE WITHOUT LACK*

### FRC Men's Cooking Competition TODAY!!



-- Round 3--  
**January 12:**  
***"It's Starting to Get  
Chili in here"***  
(Your Version of the Best Chili)

## In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Brian or your District Elder or Deacon. You may also contact the church office or Jamie's cell if you would like a prayer chain started. Remember, we cannot print your name or send a prayer chain unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office.

### Pray For:

- **Those in assisted living:** Wilma Hatting, Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Martha Krikke and Marlys Brink
- **Our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenClay, Rowland and Jane Van Es, Grace Covenant Ministries and Jeff and Chelsea Lampen

### Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will
- **Our Country** and its Leaders.
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Alfreda Verdoorn, Russ Gaalswyk, Donna Kleinwolterink, Margaret Travaille, and Mike Block,
- **Janelle Van Drunen** will be undergoing knee replacement surgery on January 14 at the Sanford hospital in Sioux Falls. Please pray for a successful surgery with minimal pain for her.
- **Alfreda Verdoorn** was able to return to Sibley this past week and is now a resident at Country View. Please continue to pray for healing for her.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you to the Carolers** that visited me this Christmas. Your beautiful songs, card and prayer were all very thoughtful and helped make my Christmas season even more bright. God bless you!

~~Faye Vos

**Thank you to our wonderful Church family** for all of the cards, gifts, words of encouragement, and prayers for Sarah's birth over the holiday break. We are so appreciative of all of you!

~~Josh, Hannah and family

# Faith In Action for January Layettes for the Center of Hope



This month we are collecting items that a new Baby or New Mom might be in need of. We only ask that all donated items must be NEW.

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings January 5:** General-\$11,395; Benevolent-\$110; Building-\$0; Community Express Bus-\$200 .

**Special offering for January is for Osceola Communities Express**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 154**

### Offering Summary Through December:

General Fund Offerings: \$395,528.25 | Budget: \$443,532.29 | 89%

Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$30,224.81 | Budget: 68,275.23 | 44%

Avg. monthly offering needed: \$42,650 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Dec.: \$65,738.20

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: January 12</b>	<b>Next Week: January 19</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Bob and Janice Groen C: Ed and Jan Harskamp W: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell	E: Dwayne and Janice Heikes C: Dan and Maureen Heilman/family W: Burt and Jan Henrichs
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Chelsey Alexander & Alexis Van Diepen	Megan Ackerman & Ruth Ann Wiersma
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	No Children and Worship Today	No Children and Worship Today
<b>Library:</b>	Pauline Van Engen	Marcia Van Ruler
<b>Coffee:</b>	Ted and Eileen Schutte	Dave and Lesa Stofferan

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\*\*\*Announcements are due by Wed. noon.  
\*\*\*Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors no earlier than Thursday at 2:00pm