

PRESSING FORWARD

PHILIPPIANS
3:12-14



JANUARY 5, 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: Ger Van Diepen

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG: "BE THOU MY VISION"

SONG: "YOU NEVER LET GO"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:12-14

MESSAGE: *PRESSING FORWARD*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE" #462

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "MAY GOD'S BLESSING SURROUND YOU"



Happening This Week

Sunday, January 5:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Josh Lucas will present today's message: "Pressing Forward" based on Philippians 3:12-14.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School Resumes**
- **10:10 am: Round Table Discussions concerning RCA** in the Fellowship Hall
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Sunday, January 5-Saturday, January 11:

- **Pastor Brian** will be gone to the Dallas Willard Conference.

Tuesday, January 7:

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

Wednesday, January 8:

- **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**

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. We thank the Youth Choir for providing us with their musical talents this morning.
- **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**

Mark Your Calendars

- January 16: 7pm "Practicing the Way" Weeknight Class begins
 January 20: 9:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet
 3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet

Taste Testers Needed for Round 3 of the Men's Cooking Competition on **January 12!** See the sign up sheet on the Information Center!


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.

Bars Needed: Ten dozen bars are needed for the meal at Freedom's Gate Church. Please have bars to church no later than Noon on January 12 and place them on the counter in the Fireside Room. Use the signup sheet on the Information Center to signup. Thanks!

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.


FRC Men's Cooking Competition



-- Round 3--

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

Get Signed Up Today on the Information Center!!
 Details can be found on the Contest Posters around church



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

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:12-14

MESSAGE: *PRESSING FORWARD*

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Words of Thanks

Your kindness this Christmas Season through words, cards and gifts was greatly appreciated. We feel blessed to be able to serve your congregation. May God bless you all in 2025!

~~Pastor Brian Carpenter and family

Thank you so much for blessing my family with your cards, gifts and words of appreciation this Christmas. It means a lot to us.

~~Scott and Jamie Hulstein and family

Thank you to all the carolers who blessed me with your voices in song for Christmas. Your songs made the season and truly put a song in my heart!! Thank you so much.

~~Joanne Klaassen

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, Lawrence Wiersma, Donna Kleinwolterink, Larry Riebeling, Margaret Travaille, Mike Block, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock and Melanie Schiphoff.**
- **Kathy Verdoorn** will be undergoing hip replacement surgery on January 10 in Sioux Falls. Please pray for a successful surgery with minimal pain for her.

Please Note:

Ken and Sharalyn Tjaden's Anniversary was inadvertently left out of The Newsletter. Please make a note on the Anniversary list: January 26 will be their 40th Anniversary.

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 December 29: General-\$24,630; Benevolent-\$105; Building-\$100; Bethany CS-\$70; Memorial-\$170; Village NW-\$100.

Special offering for December was for Bethany Christian Services

Special offering for January is for Osceola Communities Express

Attendance Last Sunday: 199

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!

	This Week: January 5	Next Week: January 12
Greeters:	E: Mim Ernst C: Paul Feldkamp W: Gene and Renae Groen	E: Bob and Janice Groen C: Ed and Jan Harskamp W: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
Worship Nursery:	Sandy Heronimus & Sandy Lamfers	Chelsey Alexander & Alexis Van Diepen
C&W Leader	No Children and Worship Today	No Children and Worship Today
Library:	Janice Runia	Pauline Van Engen
Coffee:	Larry and Rhonda Riebeling	Ted and Eileen Schutte



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