

Gratitude

Heidelberg Catechism:
Lord's Day 32-33

1 Peter
2:4-10



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG: "MY TRIBUTE" #15

SONG: "GRACE ALONE"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS DISMISSED

SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 2:4-10

MESSAGE: GRATITUDE

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PRAYER CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "LORD I NEED YOU"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "I AM NOT MY OWN" vs. 4

Happening This Week

Sunday, November 26:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service** This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message "Gratitude" based on 1 Peter 2:4-10 & Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 32-33, with us.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**

Monday, November 27:

- **11:00 am: Church Christmas Decorating**
- **11:15 am: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels (Nov 27-Dec 1)**

Tuesday, November 28 :

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

Wednesday, November 29:

- **2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**
- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups**
 - 6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades.** Students will be working on Christmas Program parts.
 - 6:30 pm: Middle School Remnant will meet**
 - 7:30 pm: High School Remnant will meet**

Friday, December 1:

- **2:15 FRC will be assisting with BINGO at Country View**

Sunday, December 3:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning, Josh Lucas will share his message "Come, Dayspring" based on Malachi 4:1-2 & Luke 1:78-79. We thank Curt and Peg Van Kley for assisting with the lighting of the first candle of Advent.
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Mark Your Calendars

December 8, 15, 22, 29: 2:15pm FRC is helping with BINGO at Country View

December 6: 7:30-8:30 pm- Papa Murphy Pizza Order Pick up

December 10: 5:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

December 11: 6:00 pm Elder Deacon Meetings

7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet.

Newly elected Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend the December Consistory meeting.



First Reformed Church is in charge of Meals on Wheels for the week of November 27-December 1. If you are willing to help with this ministry please sign up at the Information Center.



The Annual FRC Children's Christmas Program will be **Sunday, December 10 at 5pm.** Practice for 1st-5th Graders will happen on Wednesday Nights. Three-year-olds -- Kindergarten students will practice during Sunday School.



FRC is in charge of assisting with BINGO at Country View for the Fridays in December. BINGO starts at 2:15pm so please plan to be there a few minutes before that. See the Information Center to get signed up.



Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, November 27th at 11am.

District 6 (McDougall-Schram) has been asked to help this year with decorating. However, all willing hands are welcome! Many hands make quick work!! Thanks!! Eve Service.

Books of the Week

Check out The Newsletter for details on these books!!



First Reformed Church will be hosting nativity set displays during the Sibley Tour of Homes, on Saturday, December 2. As you unpack

your holiday décor, please consider lending your set for display that Saturday. A card, with the owner's name will be displayed, along with a short description of the set, if the owner wishes. Please contact Diane Langstraat, if interested.

News you Need to Know

Team Trinity's Christmas Gift & Bake Sale will be held on **December 2nd** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 704 Poplar Drive, Sibley, **8:00am -1:00pm.** There will be decorative gifts and LOTS of goodies to choose from! Please come and help TEAM TRINITY raise money for the American Cancer Society. THANKS!

First Presbyterian Church invites you Sunday, December 3 at 4:30pm to a free showing of the movie **Gridshock**. Gridshock covers the story of sex trafficking in Iowa. We do not want to promote fear but rather, we want to inform families so they can better protect their youth and young adults from the realities of living in a broken and sinful world.

Osceola Community Express bus is very much in need of drivers. If you are interested in this personally rewarding opportunity, please give Jerry Johnson a call 712-461-0470. The bus runs Monday through Friday and a CDL required.



Our Church has adopted 3 larger families for the Christmas Season. Families are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check which items you would be willing to provide for these families in need. **All items will need to be wrapped, tagged with Family number and recipient (ex. Child age 1) and dropped off at church no later than December 10th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity! Lets make these families' Christmas celebrations just a little extra special this year.

Family #9: Adult Female: 2XL Sweatshirt/Tops, Gas Cards/Grocery Cards;
Boy age 16: Size Medium Sweatshirt, Cologne, Hey Dude Shoes size 11, Walmart Gift Card; **Girl age 11:** Size Medium shirts, books, Body Spray/Lotion, My Life Dolls and Accessories; **Boy age 5:** Size 5T/6T Warm shirts, socks, Super Hero Toys, Mind Craft Toys

Family #8: Adult Male: 1XL Sweaters, Warm Gloves, Warm Hat, Socks, Tools, Gas/Grocery Cards; **Adult Female:** Large Sweats, Body Spray/Lotion, Bath Towels, Kitchenware, Gas Cards/Grocery Cards; **Girl age 9:** Bluetooth headphones, Coloring books, Dolls, Size Large Hoodie; **Girl age 6:** Size small/6x clothing, Bluetooth headphones, Barbies/Dolls, Blanket; **Boy age 2:** size 3T Winter Coat, Board Books, Toys of any kind, 3T Clothes of any kind.

Family #15: Adult Male: Size 18 Shoes, 2XL Hooded Sweatshirt, Gas/Grocery Cards; **Adult Female:** XL Hooded Sweatshirt, Size 10 Shoes, Body Spray/lotion, Gas Card, Grocery Cards; **Girl age 9:** Size 8/10 Clothing, Horses/Ponies, Books; **Girl age 8:** Size 8/10 Clothing, Baby Dolls, Coloring Books; **Boy age 6:** Size 7/8 Clothing, Cars, Trucks, Race Track Mat; **Boy age 4:** Size 7/8 Clothing, Dinosaurs, Animal Books, Farm Books

Sermon Notes:

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Card Shower

In honor of Trudy Dykstra's 85th birthday on December 2, her family has requested a card shower for her. Birthday greetings and well wishes may be sent to the following address: Trudy Dykstra, Heartwood Heights, 409 9th Avenue N, Apt 200, Sibley IA 51249

In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Troy Van Beek 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 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:** Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, Margaret Calsbeek, and Geneva Wissink
- **Our nursing home residents:** Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Donna Sterler 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

Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will with our future decisions
- **Our Country** and its Leaders.
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and/or deal with health issues.

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest Sympathies go out to John and Lois Van Diepen and family upon the passing of Lois' mom, Geneva Wissink. Geneva went to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 18th. Funeral Service for Geneva were held here at FRC on Saturday, November 25. May God comfort all those who mourn.

Words of Thanks

Thank you for all of the food donations for the Food Find! It was an amazing thing to see the hands and feet of Jesus at work. We were able to collect 2600lbs of food this year. We also tried something new, pre-delivering paper bags to residents who could then fill them and set them out for the students to pick up. We delivered 500 bags and collected around 350 bags filled with food. God is good!!

~~Remnant Youth

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, and visits I received following my hip replacement surgery. God is good, and for that I praise Him.

~~Janelle Van Drunen

Faith In Action for November

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Thank you for your generous donations!!!
Box Total: 119

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on November 19: General-\$7489.10; Benevolent-\$335; Building-\$20; Sharing Christmas Families-\$150.

Special Offering for November is Sharing Christmas Families

Special Offering for December will be for Bethany

Attendance Last Sunday: 190

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: November 26	Next Week: December 3
Greeters:	E: Melissa Hisek/family C: Cole and Kayla Hoekstra/family W: Dale and Karen Honken	E: Loren and Deb Hulstein C: Mark and Rosie Hulstein W: Michael and Chelsea Hulstein/family
S. School Nursery:	Alexis Van Diepen Chelsey Alexander	Anne Maxwell Ruth Ann Wiersma
C&W Leader	Deb Kusters	Karen Honken
Library:	Gert Gaalswyk	Jan Henrichs
Coffee:	John and Lois Van Diepen	Jim and Pauline Van Engen



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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am -2 pm

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