

Destroying the Works of the Devil

Rhapsody

THE REASON THE SON OF GOD APPEARED WAS TO
DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL. 1 JOHN 3:8

GENESIS 1:1-3



DECEMBER 1, 2024

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

ADVENT ANTHEM - JOYFUL VOICES CHOIR

CANDLE LIGHTERS - DEREK AND MEGAN ACKERMAN/FAMILY

SONG: "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP DISMISSED

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1:1-3

MESSAGE: DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL: RHAPSODY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - GREG KOSTERS

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" #187

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: SONG:

"WE WILL GLORIFY" #35 VS 3&4

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 1:

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir Practice**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian begins his Advent series, Destroying the Works of the Devil, with today's message: "Rhapsody" based on Genesis 1:1-3. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for assisting with worship as well as Derek and Megan Ackerman/family for lighting the Advent candle today.
- **No Sunday School today**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Monday, December 2:

- **FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**

Tuesday, December 3:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet today**

Wednesday, December 4:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups Begin**
 - 6:30 pm: Joyful Voices Choir will practice with youth**
 - 6:30 pm: Christmas Program Practice for 1st-5th Graders**
 - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant will meet**
 - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant will meet**

Sunday, December 8:

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir Practice**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues his Advent series, Destroying the Works of the Devil, with today's message: "Ruin" based on Genesis 2:4-3:19. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for assisting with worship as well as Nick and Maria Mans/family for lighting the Advent candle today.
- **10:10 Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **5:30 pm: Children's Christmas Program**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Mark Your Calendars

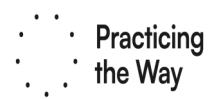
December 9-13: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels

December 9: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings

7:00 pm Supper followed by Full Consistory (no pun intended)
All newly elected Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend the December meetings as many housekeeping items will be discussed.

December 11: 6:30 Remnant Evangelism Night

December 16: 11:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet at Heartwood Heights for their Christmas Potluck Salad Luncheon
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet for a Christmas get together. Please bring a Christmas Treat to share with the group.



Practicing
the Way

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.



First Reformed Church is responsible for Meals on Wheels for **December 2-13th**. Please stop at the Information Center to volunteer.



The **Sharing Christmas Families** are now posted in the Fellowship Hall. All gifts are to be returned to church by **December 8**, wrapped, with the family number and individual clearly marked on the gift. (example: Family #6 Child 4 years old). Please stop by any time and check off the items you wish to purchase for the families. Thanks!!!!

Books of the Month



Check out this month's edition of The Newsletter for more information on these titles.

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

Join the Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA chapter, Ocheyedan Methodist church and Sibley First Reformed Church on **December 2 from 5:30-8:00pm** in the High School Commons for a meal and silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Travaille family for help with medical expenses.

****a table is available to collect donations for the silent auction. Be creative (Gift baskets, Gift cards, homemade items, etc.) Thanks in advance for your thoughtful donations!*

Team Trinity's Christmas Gift and Bake Sale will be held on **December 7 from 8am -1pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please come and help Team Trinity raise money for the American Cancer Society! Thanks!!

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1:1-3

MESSAGE: *DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL: RHAPSODY*



Radiate Haiti Ministries is collecting donations for holiday meal kits to support families in need who are experiencing food insecurity. What a wonderful opportunity to gift a meal to a family in Haiti. About \$50 will provide a meal

kit and will be distributed to families around Christmas and into the New Year.

Let's come together to spread joy and nourishment this holiday season!

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and support.

Donations are due Sunday, December 8th.

Please mail your donations to:

Radiate Haiti Ministries, c/o Kelsey & Elesson Joseph,

404 Main St., Hospers, IA 51238

For check donations, kindly make them payable to Radiate Haiti Ministries.

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: Russell Gaalswyk, Donna Kleinwolterink, Larry Riebeling, Margaret Travaille, Mike Block, Gary Wolter, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock, and Melanie Schiphoff.**
- **Prayers of peace for: LeRoy Stevenson**

Words of Thanks

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my recent trips to Sioux Falls for radiation treatments. It is wonderful to belong to such a caring church family!

~~Merlyn Janssen

Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



Gifts need to be brought to Church by December 8

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings November 24: General-\$8304.36; Benevolent-\$90; Building-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$450; Village NW-\$2.

Special offering for November was Sharing Christmas Families

Special offering for December is for Bethany Christian Services

Attendance Last Sunday: 208

Offering Summary Through November:

General Fund Offerings: \$333,270.03 | Budget: \$443,532.29

Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$14,190.81 | Budget: 68,275.23

Avg. monthly offering needed: \$42,650 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Nov.: \$42,542.16

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 1	Next Week: December 8
Greeters:	E: Gretchen Bartelson C: Tony and Jamiey Bevers/family W: Davis and Kristen Beyer/family	E: Josh and Hannah Lucas C: Troy and Meggan Block/family W: Jerrad and Tracee Brouwer
Worship Nursery:	Teresa Hurlburt & Maria Mans	Maureen and Amelia Heilman
C&W Leader	No Children and Worship	Deb Kusters
Library:	Jan Henrichs	Jamie Hulstein
Coffee:	Dwayne and Janice Heikes	Burt and Jan Henrichs

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