



DECEMBER 14, 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: JOHN 18:33-37

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - COLLIN VAN DIEPEN FAMILY

SONG: "JOY TO THE WORLD" #194

SONG: "HOW GREAT OUR JOY" #192

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE: JUDGES 2:11-23

MESSAGE: JUDGES

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR" #199 vs 1-3

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR" #199 vs 4

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 14:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** We thank Collin and Lexi Van Diepen and family for leading us in the lighting of the Advent Candle this morning. Today Josh will continue the series, "The Original Route 66" with the topic "Judges" based on Judges 2:11-23.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School will meet**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **11:00 am: Children's Christmas Program**
- **6:30 pm: Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Studies:**
Sermon Discussion Group will meet in the Library
Digging Into God's Word Bible Study will meet in the Fireside Room.

Monday, December 15:

- FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels Dec 15-18 (Mon, Tues, & Thurs)
- 3:00pm Patience Bible Study will meet for their Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 16:

- 8:30 am Quilters will meet

Wednesday, December 17:

- 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
- **Wednesday Night Activities:**
5:30-6:15 pm Family Night Supper (note time change)
6:00 pm Meet in the Fellowship Hall to organize for caroling
Dust to Glory Class will NOT meet tonight
6:30-7:30pm All Church Christmas Caroling! All ages welcome!!
7:30 pm HS Remnant Christmas Party

Friday, December 19:

- **January Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday, December 21:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** We thank Brady and Ashilyn Klaassen for leading us in the lighting of the Advent Candle this morning. Today Pastor Brian will continue the series, "The Original Route 66" with the topic "The Monarchy" based on 1 Samuel 8:1-22.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School will meet**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Studies:**
Sermon Discussion Group will meet in the Library
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Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 22-25: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels

Dec. 24: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Greeters: E: Larry & Rhonda Riebeling; C: Eric Schiphoff; W: Hugh Schiphoff. Offering designation: Mobile Food Pantry

6 IN '26 Lunch Break
BOOK CLUB

Beginning in 2026 we will be hosting a Lunch Break Book Club. We will be discussing six valuable books as the year progresses. More information and book titles can be found on the posters around church as well as on our website. **To register online, please visit our website and click on the 6 in '26 Book Club link to be taken to the online form or use the link or QR code below. A paper registration can also be found in today's bulletin. December 28** is the deadline to register online or to return forms and book fee to the church office. Books will be available beginning January 5. Questions? Please contact Pastor Brian.

Online Order Form available at:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/253206690135049>



FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels for **December 15-18 and 22-25 (Mon, Tues, & Thurs)**. Volunteers can sign up at the Information Center. Questions? Contact Joel and Kathy Verdoorn.



Let's go Caroling! On **Wednesday, December 17**, please join us for a bowl of chili or potato soup from 5:30-6:15pm before we head out to carol at 6:30. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall by 6:00pm to get organized. This event is for all children and adults! Pioneer Club and Remnant members will also be joining in on the fun!

Family Supper Menu:

Dec 17: Chili or Potato Soup and Crackers (meal at 5:30pm)
Dec 24: No Wednesday Night Activities due to Christmas
Jan 7: BBQ's and Mac and Cheese
Jan 14:



All meals include fruit/fresh vegi, cookies/bars, and milk, water, or juice to drink.
Ham sandwiches available in place of main entrée.

Volunteer Reminder:

1:00 pm <u>Prep</u> Dec 16:	5:30 pm <u>Serve</u> Dec 17:	2 dozen Bars or Cookies:
Mim Ernst	Pauline Van Engen	Barb Van Diepen
Kathy Runia	Scott and Jamie Hulstein	Jamie Hulstein
	Kathy Runia	Kathy Runia, Katie Colling
	Pam Vande Hoef	

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

OCMA Christmas Toy Drive at United Church of Christ. Every child deserves to feel the joy of Christmas from the birth of Jesus to finding a gift under the tree on Christmas Day. We are looking for toys, books, games, and hygiene items for kids ages 0 – 18 this Advent Season. **Please bring to UCC on December 14th or 19th at the alley parking lot door.** Parents and guardians may come on December 20th 9am – 2pm to pick out a gift for their child with some stocking stuffers, hygiene items and wrapping options. Contact Pastor Maggie for questions and more information. Merry Christmas!

Free Food Available—The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on **Thursday, December 18, from 4 - 6 p.m.** at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. Please bring your own boxes or bags.

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: JUDGES 2:11-23

MESSAGE: *JUDGES*

RADIATE HAITI MINISTRIES

Holiday Meal Kits

Things in Haiti have yet to stabilize, which we are saddened to report. Yet time and time again, we are blown away by the generosity of those who support our ministry and its efforts.

This holiday season, 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 **\$75 will provide a meal kit** and will be distributed to families around Christmas and into the New Year. **Donations are due Sunday, December 21st.**

Please send 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.

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

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and support.

--Kelsey and Elesson (Papito) Joseph.

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. To set up a pastoral visit please scan this QR code, visit the link <https://calendly.com/frcpastorbrian>, or contact the office.



Pray For:

- **Those in assisted living:** Wilma Hatting, Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Ethel Jurgens, Johanna Hielkema, 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, and Jeff and Chelsea Lampen

Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Country and its Leaders.**
- **All those who have had** illnesses, surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Lawrence Wiersma, Paul Doorenbos, and David Calsbeek
- **Loren Hulstein** will be undergoing open heart surgery on Tuesday, December 16. Please pray for a quick recovery for him.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire family of Miss Margaret Travaille. Margaret went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 11 following a courageous battle with cancer. May God wrap his loving arms around this family as they mourn their loss. May we all strive to let our light shine like Margaret did. God is good all the time...All the time God is good.

Words of Thanks

A special thank you to the three "Elves" that helped get the Sharing Christmas Family gifts wrapped this week and to the elf who helped deliver the gifts to Upper Des Moines! You are so very appreciated!!!

~~Jamie

Faith In Action for December: Sharing Christmas Families



Thank you all for your
generous donations this year!!!

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings December 7: General-\$12,657.67; Ben.-\$355; Building-\$0; Bethany-\$250.

Special offering for December is for Bethany Christian Services
Attendance Last Sunday:172

Offering Summary Through November 30:

General Fund Offerings: \$355,071.31 | Budget: \$363,794.52 | 98%
Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$33,744.80 | Budget: \$61,125 | 55%
Avg. monthly offering needed: \$35,493 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Nov: \$53,118.76

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 14	Next Week: December 21
Greeters:	E: Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp C: Lyle Peelen W: Brian and Heidi Sayler/family	E: Daren Rockman C: Marlin Roelfs W: Marlin and Kathy Runia
Worship Nursery:	Amy Van Marel & Jodi Wagenaar	Sandy Heronimus & Sandy Lamfers
C&W Leader/Helper	Deb Kusters & Olivia/Grace	Deb Kusters & Donna Smidt
Library:	Janice Runia	Pauline Van Engen
Coffee:	Nate and Angela Buysman	Laura and Jordan Carpenter

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

Website at: www.sibleyfrfc.org (for a broad view of FRC)

Facebook page: First Reformed Church Sibley, IA. (for current announcements)

Instagram page: remnantyouth116 (all Youth Group activities)