

DECEMBER 15, 2019

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. We encourage you to please fill out a visitor card found by the hymnals in the pew and place it in the offering plate as it is being passed. To find out more about First Reformed Church, stop at the Information Center in the Narthex, or visit our website: www.sibleyfrc.org.

Glorify! God With Worship

9 am - Cornerstone Service

- Children and Worship --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

10:10-10:50 am

Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time

- Sunday School for ages Pre-K- Adult
- Sunday School Guide Study will meet in the Library
 - Men and Women's Bible Study,
- "The Case for Christmas" will meet in the West classrooms in Fellowship Hall
- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

11 am - Open Door Service

- Join us for a time of praise and worship by use of contemporary music, prayer, scripture and a Bible Talk.
- Children and Worship --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE:

"CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY...GIVING UP ON PERFECT"

SCRIPTURE:

LUKE 1:26-38 PG: 1588

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for December 8, 2019: General Fund -\$6007.10; Benevolent Fund-\$365; Bethany \$35; Hope Haven \$100; Village Northwest \$100.

Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services



Giving Up On Perfect

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 15:

- Today Pastor Luke will continue his Advent Series “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday...Giving Up On Perfect.” We thank the Joyful Voices choir and Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar (Cornerstone) and Stan and Abby De Zeeuw and family (Open Door) for lighting the Advent Candle this morning. **TODAY is the last day to bring your Sharing Christmas Gifts for the adopted families.**
- **10:10am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet in the Sanctuary to practice Christmas Eve songs with the students.
- **10:10am Sunday School** Christmas Program Practice for 4 yrs-5th Grade.
- **2:00pm Those wishing to make Profession of Faith** will meet with the Elders
- **4:30pm Sunday School Christmas Program**

Monday, December 16:

- **11:30 am Faith Bible Study** will have their Christmas Luncheon at the home of Lynn Schram
- **12:00pm Patience Bible Study** will be having their Christmas Luncheon at the home of Barb Van Diepen
- **6:00 Elder/Deacon meetings both outgoing and incoming**
- **6:30pm Consistory supper provided by outgoing Members with Full Consistory to follow at 7:15**
- **7:00 pm: Monday Night Ladies Bible Study**

Tuesday, December 17:

- **8:30 am: Chickadee Quilters**

Wednesday, December 18:

- **6:30pm Middle School Remnant** Christmas Party
- **7:30pm High School Remnant** Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22:

- Today Pastor Luke will continue his Advent Series “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday...Scandalous Love.” We thank the Joyful Voices Choir and Mark and Rosie Hulstein (Cornerstone) and Dahson and Jahlyn De Jong (Open Door) for lighting the Advent Candle this morning.
- **8:20am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet this morning.
- **No Sunday School This Morning**

Mark Your Calendars

- December 24: 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service**
- December 25: Offices Closed. Merry Christmas!!**
- December 29: No Sunday School/No Joyful Voices Choir**
- January 1: No Coffee with the Pastor/No Mothers Together**
- January 5: Installation and Ordination of 2020 Elders and Deacons at both services**

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events

Those elected at this year's Congregational Meeting for the 2020 Consistory are: Elders - Stan De Zeeuw, Ken Heronimus, and Marlin Runia;
Deacons - Larry De Boer, Mitch Kreykes, and Ryan Wiersma.

December 15 at 2:00 pm those in our Discovery Classes, that wish to make profession of faith, will be meeting with the Elders. Anyone else who did not attend the Discovery Class and who is interested in also making your Profession of Faith please feel free to stop at the church at that time as well. Discovery Class is not a prerequisite for making your profession. If you have any questions feel free to ask Pastor Luke or any serving Elder.



The Sharing Christmas Families lists are on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. All packages need to be brought to church by **TODAY!!**

Time and Talents Surveys have been placed in your mailbox. If you did not get one please see the table set up by the sanctuary door. Please take a few minutes to look them over and fill them out. We would like ALL surveys returned to the box on the information center by no later than **December 15.**

We are asking children ages 4yrs-5th grade to sing at the Christmas Eve service. They will be singing 3 easy songs and will be singing them along with the Joyful Voices Choir. If your family will be here for Christmas Eve we would appreciate your children's help with this. Thanks!

Budget Update: We are so very thankful to the congregation for the generous offerings we have received throughout 2019. To be able to meet our financial obligations for 2019, we still need to collect about \$31,000. Please consider this as you plan your givings for the remainder of 2019. Thanks!

The 2020 Church Directory is being worked on. If you have had a change in address, email or phone number please get those to the office as soon as possible so we can get those updated. Thanks!

In your mailboxes this week you will find a letter from The Lantern Ministries. The Lantern Ministries is a Sibley based, Christ-centered, non-profit ministry whose goal is to provide a warm and welcoming environment where individuals and families can develop meaningful relationships through fellowship, faith and fun. We encourage you to please take a moment to read through their letter to see what The Lantern is all about.

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Inclement Weather Reminder: If on a Sunday morning it is either extremely cold or the weather is nasty, please listen to KIWA Sheldon 105.3 or check out our Facebook page or church website. An email will also be sent to Prayer Chain members. If the situation calls for it, the first service and Sunday School will be cancelled with the hope that we will still be able to have the 2nd service. If the weather doesn't allow that, then a second notice will be sent out via the avenues listed above for the cancelation of the 2nd service.

Sibley First Presbyterian Church will soon celebrate its 125th Anniversary, kicking off the Anniversary with a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Memories*, on **Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.** in the church sanctuary, with Cindy Kemp and Ben Jacobsma presenting. The public is cordially invited to attend. Coffee and Christmas cookies will be served following the concert in the fellowship hall. Freewill offerings will be received to help with Anniversary expenses.

Sermon Notes:

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**Drivers
Needed!!**



We are in need of drivers to help Marlys Pietz get to her Dialysis Treatments in Worthington. If you are willing and able to help please use the new sign up sheet on the Information Center. Thanks!

In Our Prayers

If you have a pastoral need, please call Pastor Luke Schouten, 920-889-3911, any consistory elder or the church office (754-2783). 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:** Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Dutch Kruger, and Harold Schram.
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

In Our Prayers

Please continue to lift Janice Groen, Dean Ackerman, Marvin Runia, Jodene Kruse, Larry Riebeling, Ray Schram, Dave Kleinwolterink, Cavell Van Westen, Kelli Van De Berg, and Michael Block Jr. up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues.

Please keep Dianne Kass and Barb Ronellenfitch in your prayers as they continue to recover from their injuries. Barb has now been transferred to Sibley Specialty Care and Diane has been moved to the Avera Inpatient Rehab Center in Sioux Falls. Some people have asked for mailing addresses for Diane and Barb. Their addresses are as follows: for Diane: Avera Surgery Center/Inpatient Rehab, Room 5-016, 1000 E 23rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 and for Barb: Sibley Specialty Care, Barb Ronellenfitch, 700 N. 9th Ave, Sibley, IA 51249

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 15	Next Week: December 22
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Kevin & Laurel Klaassen/family M: Dave & Donna Kleinwolterink E: Ethel Jurgens & Karen Jurgens	W: Mitch and Abby Kreykes M: Charles and Katha Kruger E: Richard Kruger and Lyle Peelen
After Church Greeters:	E: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas W: Arnie Langstraat BE: Ken Loerts BW: Dick Oldenkamp	E: Lyle Peelen C: Pastor Luke W: Josh Lucas BE: Larry Riebeling BW: Marlin Roelfs
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Dale Honken Open Door: Duane Vande Hoef	Cornerstone: Bill Hartzell Open Door: Dick Oldenkamp
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Karen Honken 11am Leader: Karen Honken	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Deb Kosters 11am Leader: Deb Kosters
Nursery:	9:00 am: Rachel Wills & Sandy Lamfers Sunday School Pam Vande Hoef 11:00 am: Angie Ackerman & Amy Dykstra	9:00 am: Kim McDougall and Brenda Wassman Sunday School No Sunday School Today 11:00 am: Tiffany and Liz Wynia
Library:	Phyllis Vander Linden	Alfreda Verdoorn
Coffee:	Duane & Pam Vande Hoef	Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma



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All bulletin announcements are due in the church office by Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.