



DECEMBER 15, 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).

Glority God With Worship!

9:00 am Praise and Worship Service

Prelude: Mim Ernst

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

ADVENT ANTHEM - JOYFUL VOICES CHOIR

CANDLE LIGHTERS - DEREK AND ASHLEY HERONIMUS/FAMILY

SONG: "O COME, O COME EMANUEL" #186

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP DISMISSED

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 9:1-28

MESSAGE: DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL: REDEMPTION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "HOW LOW WAS OUR REDEEMER BROUGHT"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: SONG: "WE WILL GLORIFY" #35

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 15:

- 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: "Redemption" based on Hebrews 9:1-28. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for assisting with worship as well as Derek and Ashley Heronimus/family for lighting the Advent candle today.
- 10:10 Sunday School
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church

Monday, 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.

Tuesday, December 17:

8:30 am: Quilters will meet today

Wednesday, December 18:

Bible Classes and Youth Groups

6-7:30 pm: All Church Christmas Caroling (including Remnant youth) Please meet at the church prior to starting so we can divide into groups.

6:30 pm: 1-5th Grade Bible Classes will meet

Thursday, December 19:

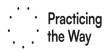
• 5:30pm: S-O Basketball Team Meal in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 22:

- 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: "Restoration" based on Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-7. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for assisting with worship as well as Merlyn and Julie Janssen for lighting the Advent candle today.
- 10:10 Sunday School
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church

Mark Your Calendars

December 24: 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service Greeters- E: Stand and Abby DeZeeuw/family; C: LaVon Dykstra; W: Ron and Nancy Dykstra



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.



Let's Go Caroling!! FRC will be going caroling around Sibley on December 18 from 6:00-7:30. We will meet at church in the Fellowship Hall then head out. Please sign up at the Information Center so we know who to look for so we don't leave without you!!

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.

Please Make Note: The last day to contribute to the 2024 budget year will be **Monday, December 30 by 1pm**. After 1pm all donations will be credited to 2025. Thanks!!

If you would like offering envelopes for your 2025 giving, please let Jamie know **no later than December 20**. Thanks!!

Absolute last chance to make any information changes for the 2025 directory **MUST be submitted by December 20**.

A Fun Family Alternative to Traditional Advent Calendars. Advent Hygiene Item Collection Calendar



This year we are teaming up with the Sibley-Ocheyedan schools to help provide hygiene items to students in need.

We encourage you this Christmas to read each day's devotion and collect the hygiene item for that day. By the time you get to Christmas you will have a full box of items to donate to our students. Thanks for participating!!

To View the Advent Calendar:

Please see The Newsletter or the church website: https://www.sibleyfrc.org/missions/ hygiene-advent-calendar.cfm

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

Free Food Available—The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 19</u>, <u>from 4 - 6 p.m.</u> at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. Please bring your own boxes or bags. Also, if you are picking up food for another household, you will need a signed note from them including the name, address, and number of people in the household.

Sermon Notes:

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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: Lawrence Wiersma, Donna Kleinwolterink, Larry Riebeling, Margarett Travaille, Mike Block, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock, and Melanie Schiphoff.
- Russell Gaalswyk was able to return to Sibley and is currently living with Gert and undergoing extensive physical therapy.
- Alfreda Verdoorn fell this past week and underwent surgery to fix a broken hip. Alfreda will remain at the Avera Hospital orthopedic unit in Sioux Falls for recovery and therapy before transitioning back to Sibley.

With Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies are extended to the family of Glen Doorenbos. Glen passed away Monday, December 9. Services were held here at FRC this past Friday. Please continue to lift this family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



Thanks for all your donations!

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings December 8: General-\$7140; Benevolent-\$115; Benevolent (Thanksgiving) -\$2000; Building-\$50; Library Fund-\$500; Quilters-\$500. Special offering for December is for Bethany Christian Services Attendance Last Sunday: 198

Offering Summary Through November:

General Fund Offerings: \$333,270.03 | Budget: \$443,532.29 | 75% Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$26,709.81 | Budget: 68,275.23 | 39%

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

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

| | This Week: December 15 | Next Week: December 22 |
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| Greeters: | E: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort C: Nathan and Angie Buysman W: Joann Calsbeek | E: Levi and Kira Christensen/family C: Larry and Melissa DeBoer W: Marcus and Angie DeBoer |
| Worship Nursery: | Amy Van Marel and Jodi Wagenaar | Nursery Open but Not Staffed |
| C&W Leader | Deb Kosters | Deb Kosters |
| Library: | Jan Juffer | Jeannette Juffer |
| Coffee: | Scott and Jamie Hulstein | Ken and Wilma Loerts |

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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