

DECEMBER 21, 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: Mim Ernst and FRC Praise Team

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: PROVERBS 1:20-26

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE -

BRADY AND ASHILYN KLAASSEN

SONG: "GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE" #214

SONG: "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" #207

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE: 1 SAMUEL 8:1-22

MESSAGE: *THE MONARCHY*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "WHAT CHILD IS THIS" #202 vs 1-3

BENEDICTION

Happening This Week

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
Digging Into God's Word Bible Study will meet in the Fireside Room.

Monday, December 22:

- **FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels Dec 21-25 (Mon, Tues, & Thurs)**

Tuesday, December 23:

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

Wednesday, December 24:

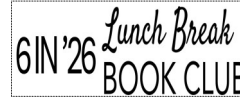
- **6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service;** Greeters: E: Larry & Rhonda Riebeling; C: Eric Schiphoff; W: Hugh Schiphoff. Offering designation: CRC Mobile Food Pantry. We thank Pam and Katie Kruger for leading us in the lighting of the Advent Candle tonight.

Sunday, December 28:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Josh Lucas will continue the series, "The Original Route 66" with the topic "David" based on 1 Chronicles 28:1-10. No Children and Worship today due to Christmas break.
- **No Sunday School due to Christmas break**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **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.

Mark Your Calendars

- January 4:** No Sunday School today due to Christmas break.
- January 7:** Wednesday Night Activities Resume
- January 11:** 11:00 am Everyone is invited to a Congregational Chili and Cinnamon Roll Feed
- January 12:** 6pm Elder / Deacon Meetings
7pm Full Consistory will meet
- January 19:** 9:30 am Faith Bible Study
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study



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 22-25 (Mon, Tues, & Thurs)**. Volunteers can sign up at the Information Center. Questions? Contact Joel and Kathy Verdoorn.

Family Supper Menu:

- Dec 24: No Wednesday Night Activities due to Christmas
- Jan 7: BBQ's and Mac and Cheese
- Jan 14: Penne Pasta Bake
- Jan 21: Baked Potato with Toppings
- Jan 28: Enchiladas



*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 Prep Jan 7:
Will be announced
next week

5:30 pm Serve Jan 7:
Will be announced
next week

2 dozen Bars or
Cookies:

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: 1 SAMUEL 8:1-22

MESSAGE: *THE MONARCHY*

Words of Thanks

Thank you for your donation of winter clothing from your clothing drive. We appreciate your generosity! God Bless You!

~~Center of Hope Staff

Thank you for the prayers, cards and thoughts following my surgery and hospital stay and now my rehab. I appreciate it very much!

~~Lawrence Wiersma

Thank you to the Christmas Carolers who came to my house on what was a very windy night. It was a joy to sing with you! Thank you also for the prayers and gift. It was very much appreciated!

~~Janice Runia

A great big thank you to all of the wonderful carolers that stopped at my house Wednesday night. What a fun group! Thanks for the Christmas cheer!!

~~Wilma Leusink

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, and Martha Krikke
- **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:** Loren Hulstein, Lawrence Wiersma, Paul Doorenbos, and David Calsbeek

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Marlys Brink who passed away Monday, December 15 at Osceola Senior Living. Services for Marlys will be held on Monday, December 22 at 11am with visitation prior to the service from 9:30 -11. Please keep this family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

~~May God comfort those who sorrow~~

Faith In Action for December: Sharing Christmas Families



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

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings December 14: General-\$8713; Ben.-\$2011; Building-\$0; Bethany-\$50; Pioneer Club-\$1745; HS & MS Remnant - \$500.

Special offering for December is for Bethany Christian Services
Attendance Last Sunday:166

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 21	Next Week: December 28
Greeters:	E: Daren Rockman C: Marlin Roelfs W: Marlin and Kathy Runia	E: Lynn Schram C: Verlyn and Donna Vos W: Dave and Lesa Stofferan
Worship Nursery:	Sandy Heronimus & Sandy Lamfers	Chelsey Alexander & Alexis Van Diepen
C&W Leader/Helper	Deb Kusters & Donna Smidt	Deb Kusters
Library:	Pauline Van Engen	Marcia Van Ruler
Coffee:	Laura and Jordan Carpenter	Ron and Nancy Dykstra

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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)