

Destroying the Works of the Devil

Restoration

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

REVELATION 21:1-8; 22:1-7



DECEMBER 22, 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 - MERLYN AND JULIE JANSSEN

SONG: "KING OF KINGS"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

NO CHILDREN AND WORSHIP TODAY

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 21:1-8; 22:1-7

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" #206

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: SONG: "WE WILL GLORIFY" #35 vs.3&4

Happening This Week

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. There will not be Children and Worship today.
- **No Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship** This morning the congregation is invited to partake of cake and coffee in honor of Gert Gaalswyk's 80th Birthday!
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Tuesday, December 24:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet today**
- **5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Greeters- E: Stan and Abby DeZeeuw/family; C: LaVon Dykstra; W: Ron and Nancy Dykstra. This evening Pastor Brian will conclude his Advent series, Destroying the Works of the Devil, with the message: "Behind the Scenes" based on John 1:1-18. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for assisting with worship as well as Pam, Jared and Katie Kruger for lighting the Advent candle tonight. Offering taken will be divided between BEECIN, Family Crisis Center, and Upper Des Moines.

Wednesday, December 25:

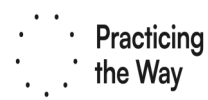
- **Merry Christmas!!!**
- **No Bible Classes and Youth Groups**
- **Pastor Brian** will be gone December 25-December 28.

Sunday, December 29:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian presents today's message: "The Restraint" based on 2 Thessalonians 2:5-7. There will not be Children and Worship today.
- **No Sunday School today**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **11:00am Fireside Room** is reserved for a family gathering
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Mark Your Calendars

- January 5-11:** Pastor Brian will be gone to the Dallas Willard Conference.
- January 12:** Round 3 of the Men's Cooking Competition "Chili"
- January 20:** 9:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet



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.

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!!

Left Behind! A light lavender YETI cup was left behind after Leroy Stevenson's funeral. If you have it or have seen it, please turn it into the office as it is wanted by it's owner. Thanks!

Taken! A leather jacket belonging to Jaysen Stevenson was accidentally taken on Friday evening during Leroy's visitation. If you wore the wrong jacket home - yours is still hanging across from the secretary's office with Jaysen's contact number in the pocket. Thanks!

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.sibleyfrf.org/missions/hygiene-advent-calendar.cfm>

Sermon Notes:

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Words of Thanks

Our lives are overwhelmed from the caring support of our church family during Leroy's illness. We will be forever grateful.

~~Karen, Jaysen, Kiley, Zoe, and Jill Stevenson;
Mark and Jodi Liddke

Thank you so much to the carolers that spent their time sharing Christmas Cheer with me on Wednesday night. It was such a fun time.

~~Reka Post

What a heartwarming surprise when nineteen carolers showed up to sing songs with me! And then the double blessing of a gift certificate! You all will be remembered!

~~Karen Stevenson and Golden Doodle Bailey

Thank you to all the carolers who came to my house and blessed me with your love and voices. Thank you also for the card, gift and prayer. This night left me filled with joy.

~~Janice Runia

A BIG thank you to the carolers who came to my home. What a great group of kids. God is good and we are blessed. Merry Christmas!!

~~Leona Meendering

It warmed my heart to have so many carolers of all ages share the Christmas spirit in my home Wednesday eveing. Thank you! The prayer, gift card and just making time to sing carols is so appreciated. Merry Christmas everyone!

~~Lynn Schram

It was so nice to be visted by the great group of singers from FRC! It truly blessed us and put us all in the Christmas Spirit. Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to minister to us.

~~The Heartwood Heights Crew

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:** Alfreda Verdoorn, Russ Gaalswyk, Lawrence Wiersma, Donna Kleinwolterink, Larry Riebeling, Margaret Travaille, Mike Block, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, and Melanie Schiphoff.
- **Mandie Sprock** underwent surgery this past week. Please continue to pray for healing for her as she continues to battle cancer.
- **Alfreda Verdoorn** continues treatment at Avera in Sioux Falls for complications of surgery last week. Please pray for the family as they make decisions for the best next steps for her care, hoping for a possible option back in Sibley among family and friends.
- **Donna Kleinwolterink** has had another series of strokes. She is currently in the ICU at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls. Please keep Donna in your prayers. Pray for healing and that the strokes will stop and not cause any more damage. Pray for Dave and the family as they come along side her.

Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



Thanks for all your donations!

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings December 15: General-\$5555; Benevolent-\$250; Building-\$;0
Bethany CS-\$110; Memorial-\$230.

Special offering for December is for Bethany Christian Services
Attendance Last Sunday: 167

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 22	Next Week: December 29
Greeters:	E: Levi and Kira Christensen/family C: Larry and Melissa DeBoer W: Marcus and Angie DeBoer	E: Lynn Schram C: Jon and Amy Elser W: Anita Ernst
Worship Nursery:	Nursery Open but Not Staffed	Nursery Open but Not Staffed
C&W Leader	No Children and Worship Today	No Children and Worship Today
Library:	Jeannette Juffer	Leona Meendering
Coffee:	Family of Gert Gaalswyk	Leona Meendering & Joanne Klaassen

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