



**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE --**

*NICK AND MARIA MANS FAMILY*

**SONG: "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" #188**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*NO CHILDREN AND WORSHIP TODAY*

**SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:6-7 & LUKE 1:26-38, 47-55**

**MESSAGE: COME, DESIRE OF NATIONS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - GREG KOSTERS**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG: "HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING" #191**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING: "RING THE BELLS" #203**

***Come, Desire of Nations***

Haggai 2:6-7  
Luke 1:26-38, 47-55



## Happening This Week

### Sunday, December 24:

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir** will practice their Christmas Eve Service song
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message "Come, Desire of Nations" based on Haggai 2:6-7 & Luke 1:26-38, 47-55. We thank the Nick and Maria Mans family for assisting with the lighting of the Advent candles today. There will not be Children and Worship this morning.
- **No Sunday School today**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** We thank Pam Kruger and family for assisting with the lighting of the Advent Candles tonight. Greeting you at the door this evening are: E: Jodene Kruse, C: Mark and Melissa Langstraat/family, W: Brad and Sarah Loerts/family. The offering collected tonight will go to help support Rise Ministries
- **Fellowship Bible Study** will not meet tonight. Bible Study will resume on January 7.

### Monday, December 25:

- **Merry Christmas!!** The church and offices will be closed today.

### Tuesday, December 26:

- **No Quilters today**

### Wednesday, December 27:

- **No Bible Classes or Youth Groups**

### Friday, December 29:

- **2:15 FRC will be assisting with BINGO at Country View**

### Sunday, December 31:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning, Josh will share his message "Sacrifices Pleasing to God" based on Hebrews 13:8-17. There will not be Children and Worship this morning.
- **No Sunday School today**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **Fellowship Bible Study** will not meet tonight. Bible Study will resume next Sunday, January 7.

## Mark Your Calendars

- **January 7: 9am Installation and Ordination** for our newly elected Elders and Deacons.
- **10:10am Sunday School** resumes
- **January 8: 6pm Elder/Deacon meetings**  
**7pm Full Consistory** will meet
- **January 10: Bible Classes and Youth Groups** resume



**FRC is in charge of assisting with BINGO** at Country View for the Fridays in December. BINGO starts at 2:15pm so please plan to be there a few minutes before that. See the Information Center to get signed up.



**Sunday, December 31st** is the last possible day to turn in any photo and informational updates for the directory. If you have questions, please contact the office. Thanks!

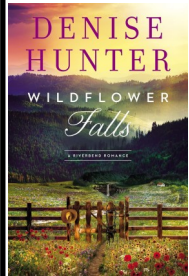


**The last day to contribute to 2023 budget will be December 29 by noon. All bills need to be turned into the office no later than Thursday December 28. Thanks!!**

**SCRIPTURE:** HAGGAI 2:6-7 & LUKE 1:26-38, 47-55

**MESSAGE:** *COME, DESIRE OF NATIONS*

## Book of the Week



**WILDFLOWER TRAILS**  
*(Riverbend  
Romance #4)*  
**by**  
**Denise Hunter**

## In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Troy Van Beek 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 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:** Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Donna Sterler 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

### Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church as we** seek God's will with our future decisions
- **Our Country and its Leaders.**
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and/or deal with health issues.
- **Gert Gaalswyk** was a patient at the Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. She was admitted for observation.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you** to the carolers that stopped by Wednesday night! I enjoyed your songs and your smiles!

~~Lynn Schram

# Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



**Thank you for your generous donations!!!**

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings taken on December 17:** General-\$9495.73; Benevolent-\$15; Building-\$0; Bethany-\$70; Village NW-\$100; ATLAS-\$300; Radiate Haiti-\$300.

**Special Offering for December is for Bethany**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 190**

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: December 24</b>	<b>Next Week: December 31</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Alan and Lacy Julius/family C: Dennis and Dar Jurgens W: Joanne Klaassen	E: Larry and Melissa DeBoer/family C: Kira and Levi Christensen/family W: Mitch and Abby Kreykes/family
<b>S. School Nursery:</b>	No Sunday School Today	No Sunday School Today
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	No Children and Worship Today	No Children and Worship Today
<b>Library:</b>	Jeannette Juffer	Leona Meendering
<b>Coffee:</b>	Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar	Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma



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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