



THE RESTRAINER

2 THESSALONIANS 2:5-7



DECEMBER 29, 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: Karissa Hulstein

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: ROMANS 1:20-25

SONG: "JOY TO THE WORLD" #194

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

****NO CHILDREN AND WORSHIP TODAY****

SCRIPTURE: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:5-7

MESSAGE: *THE RESTRAINER*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - DALE HONKEN

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY" #208 vs 1-4

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG:

"I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY" #208 vs 1-4

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 29:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian presents today's message: "The Restrainer" 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**
- **Fellowship Bible Studies will not meet today**

Tuesday, December 31:

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

Wednesday, January 1:

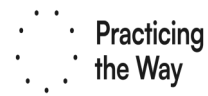
- **No Bible Classes and Youth Groups**

Sunday, January 5:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Josh Lucas will present today's message: "Pressing Forward" based on Philippians 3:12-14.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School Resumes**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

Sunday, January 5-Saturday, January 11:

- **Pastor Brian will be gone to the Dallas Willard Conference.**



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.

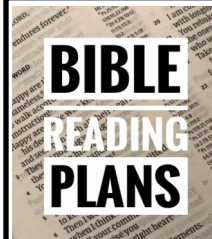
Please Make Note: The last day to contribute to the 2024 budget year will be **Monday, December 30 by 1pm**. After 1pm all donations will be credited to 2025. Thanks!!

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!

Mark Your Calendars

January 12: Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons
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



Three Bible Reading Plans are available on the Book Table.

Want to start a new Bible Plan in 2025? Three choices await you on the Book Table...

1. **Read through the Bible in two years** - gives you more time to think through the passages.
2. **Read through the Bible in one year** - Daily readings from the Old and New Testaments
3. **Chronological read through** - helps you to walk through the scriptures in historical order.

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

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>

Sermon Notes:

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MESSAGE: *THE RESTRAINER*

Words of Thanks

Thank you to the the carolers who stopped by my home. What a special treat! Also, thank you to everyone for the birthday wishes, cards and greetings I received. It is wonderful to belong to such a caring church family.

~~Gert Gaalswyk

The Family of Glenn Doorenbos would like to thank everybody that reached out with cards, flowers, food, and phone calls after the passing of Glenn. Neither rain, snow, or sleet could keep Glen away from church as he looked forward to every Sunday Worship Service. Thank you for everything.

~~The Doorenbos Family

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 Kleinwolverink, Larry Riebeling, Margaret Travaille, Mike Block, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock and Melanie Schiphoff.
- **Donna Kleinwolverink** was able to return home last week. She is now battling a cancerous tumor which can not be biopsied. Last week Friday Donna began her outpatient treatments. Please continue to pray for healing for her.

With Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to the Tjaden family upon the passing of Ken's mom, Joyce Tjaden on Wednesday, December 25. At the time of printing, services were pending. Please keep this family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Josh and Hannah Lucas upon the birth of a daughter, Sarah Jordan, on December 21. May God bless this growing family.

Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



Thanks for all your donations!

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings December 22: General-\$17,019; Benevolent-\$100; Building-\$1000; Bethany CS-\$250.

Offering December 24 (Christmas Eve): \$1624

Special offering for December is for Bethany Christian Services

Attendance Last Sunday: 174 Attendance Christmas Eve: 243

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 29	Next Week: January 5
Greeters:	E: JoAnne Calsbeek C: Jon and Amy Elser W: Anita Ernst	E: Mim Ernst C: Paul Feldkamp W: Gene and Renae Groen
Worship Nursery:	Nursery Open but Not Staffed	Sandy Heronimus & Sandy Lamfers
C&W Leader	No Children and Worship Today	No Children and Worship Today
Library:	Leona Meendering	Janice Runia
Coffee:	Leona Meendering & Joanne Klaassen	Larry and Rhonda Riebeling

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