



**DECEMBER 3, 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 -- CURT AND PEG VAN KLEY**

**SONG: "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL" #186 vs. 1,4,5**

**SONG: "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" #187**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS DISMISSED*

**SCRIPTURE: MALACHI 4:1-2 & LUKE 1:78-79**

**MESSAGE: COME, DAYSPRING**

**PRAYER CONCERNS -- DUANE VANDE HOEF**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG: "MARY DID YOU KNOW"**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING: "EMMANUEL" #185**

*Come, Dayspring*

Malachi 4:1-2  
Luke 1:78-79



## Happening This Week

### Sunday, December 3:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning, Josh Lucas will share his message "Come, Dayspring" based on Malachi 4:1-2 & Luke 1:78-79. We thank Curt and Peg Van Kley for assisting with the lighting of the first candle of Advent.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**

### Tuesday, December 5 :

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet** in the Fireside Room

### Wednesday, December 6:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups**  
**6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades.** Students will be working on Christmas Program parts.  
**6:30 pm: Middle School Remnant will meet**  
**7:30 pm: High School Remnant will meet**  
**7:30 pm: Papa Murphy Pizza Pick up**

### Friday, December 8:

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

### Sunday, December 10:

- **Sharing Christmas Families Gifts are due back to church TODAY!**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message "Come, Wisdom" based on Proverbs 8:1, 6, 22-36. We thank the Scott Hulstein family for assisting with the lighting of the Advent candles today.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **5:00 pm: Children's Christmas Program**
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**

## Mark Your Calendars

**December 15, 22, 29:** 2:15pm FRC is helping with BINGO at Country View

**December 11:** 6:00 pm Elder Deacon Meetings

**7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet.**

Newly elected Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend the December Consistory meeting.

**December 18:** 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. Please bring a Christmas Treat to share with the group.



**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.



**Radiate Haiti** is once again planning to provide as many Holiday Meal Kits to families in Haiti as they can. Donations are needed to make this a successful outreach project. Checks or cash can be dropped off at The Lantern Coffeehouse or mailed to Kelsey Joseph, 404 Main Street, Hosper, IA 51238. **Please make checks out to Radiate Haiti and include on the memo line "Holiday Meal Kits". All donations are due by December 17th.**



🎵 **Here we go a-Caroling on December 20 at 6:30pm!!** Please join the outreach team as they go "a-caroling" around Sibley. Please sign up at the Information Center if you are interested. We will plan to meet in the church parking lot before we head out to sing. 🎵



**All items will need to be wrapped, tagged with Family number and recipient (ex. Child age 1) and dropped off at church no later than December 10th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity! Lets make these families' Christmas celebrations just a little extra special this year.

**Family #9: Adult Female:** 2XL Sweatshirt/Tops, Gas Cards/Grocery Cards;

**Boy age 16:** Size Medium Sweatshirt, Cologne, Hey Dude Shoes size 11, Walmart Gift Card; **Girl age 11:** Size Medium shirts, books, Body Spray/Lotion, My Life Dolls and Accessories; **Boy age 5:** Size 5T/6T Warm shirts, socks, Super Hero Toys, Mind Craft Toys

**Family #8: Adult Male:** 1XL Sweaters, Warm Gloves, Warm Hat, Socks, Tools, Gas/Grocery Cards; **Adult Female:** Large Sweats, Body Spray/Lotion, Bath Towels, Kitchenware, Gas Cards/Grocery Cards; **Girl age 9:** Bluetooth headphones, Coloring books, Dolls, Size Large Hoodie; **Girl age 6:** Size small/6x clothing, Bluetooth headphones, Barbies/Dolls, Blanket; **Boy age 2:** size 3T Winter Coat, Board Books, Toys of any kind, 3T Clothes of any kind.

**Family #15: Adult Male:** Size 18 Shoes, 2XL Hooded Sweatshirt, Gas/Grocery Cards; **Adult Female:** XL Hooded Sweatshirt, Size 10 Shoes, Body Spray/Lotion, Gas Card, Grocery Cards; **Girl age 9:** Size 8/10 Clothing, Horses/Ponies, Books; **Girl age 8:** Size 8/10 Clothing, Baby Dolls, Coloring Books; **Boy age 6:** Size 7/8 Clothing, Cars, Trucks, Race Track Mat; **Boy age 4:** Size 7/8 Clothing, Dinosaurs, Animal Books, Farm Books

## News you Need to Know

**First Presbyterian Church** invites you **Sunday, December 3 at 4:30pm** to a free showing of the movie **Gridshock**. Gridshock covers the story of sex trafficking in Iowa. We do not want to promote fear but rather, we want to inform families so they can better protect their youth and young adults from the realities of living in a broken and sinful world.

**The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen Meal** is being held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on **Saturday, December 9, at 6 p.m.** Soups, sliders, appetizers, and Christmas goodies will be served. All are welcome. There is no charge or freewill offering. Please take note that the December meal is one week earlier than usual.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** will be held at the United Methodist Church (700 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.E. Sibley) **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** (or until all the goodies are gone) Lots and lots of cookies, the best of the best, plus bake sale items will be available!!

**Osceola Community Express bus** is very much in need of drivers. If you are interested in this personally rewarding opportunity, please give Jerry Johnson a call 712-461-0470. The bus runs Monday through Friday and a CDL required.

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** MALACHI 4:1-2 & LUKE 1:78-79

**MESSAGE:** *COME, DAYSPRING*

## Book of the Week



**APPALACIAN  
SONG  
by  
Michelle  
Shocklee**



## 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.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you so much** for all you did for the food drive. It is so appreciated!  
~~Osceola Upper Des Moines

**Thank you to the willing hands who volunteered** their time to make the church look beautiful for the Christmas season. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed!

**A heartfelt thanks to all of you who remembered** us the past couple of weeks with cards and gracious expressions of sympathy. We will miss Mom but we rejoice that she was ready to meet Jesus in Heaven.  
~~John and Lois Van Diepen

# Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



Please see the posters in the Fellowship Hall to pick out a few items to donate to our families this year!

**Gifts need to be brought to Church by December 10**

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings taken on November 26:** General-\$5110.26; Benevolent-\$0; Building-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$100.

**Thanksgiving Offering: \$16,319**

**Special Offering for November was Sharing Christmas Families**

**Special Offering for December is for Bethany**

**Attendance Thanksgiving Eve: 108**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 169**

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: December 3</b>	<b>Next Week: December 10</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Loren and Deb Hulstein C: Mark and Rosie Hulstein W: Michael and Chelsea Hulstein/family	E: Rodney Hulstein C: Scott and Jamie Hulstein/family W: Mike and Mary Hustoft
<b>S. School Nursery:</b>	Anne Maxwell Ruth Ann Wiersma	Kira Christensen Kathy Verdoorn
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Karen Honken	Jamie Hulstein
<b>Library:</b>	Jan Henrichs	Jamie Hulstein
<b>Coffee:</b>	Curt and Peg Van Kley	Jim and Pauline Van Engen



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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