



**DECEMBER 7, 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:** Ger Van Diepen

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** HEBREWS 1:30-31

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE -** DEREK ACKERMAN FAMILY

**SONG:** "SINGING GLORY, GLORY (LET THERE BE PEACE)"

**SONG:** "LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP**

**SCRIPTURE:** JOSHUA 5:13-6:21

**MESSAGE:** JOSHUA AND THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

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

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "EMMANUEL" #185

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, December 7:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** We thank Derek and Megan Ackerman and family 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 "Joshua and the Conquest of Canaan" based on Joshua 5:13-6:21.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School will meet**
- **10:10am: 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 8:

- **11:30am Faith Bible Study will meet** at Osceola Senior Assisted Living for their Christmas Salad Luncheon

### Tuesday, December 9:

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

### Wednesday, December 10:

- **Sharing Christmas Family Gifts are due, wrapped and tagged, at church**
- **Wednesday Night Activities:**  
6:00 pm Family Night Supper  
6:30-7:30 pm: 1st-5th Grade Pioneer Club Activities  
6:30 pm MS Remnant will meet  
7:30 pm HS Remnant will meet

### Sunday, December 14:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** We thank Collin and Lexi Van Diepen and family for leading us in the lighting of the Advent Candle this morning. Today Josh will continue the series, "The Original Route 66" with the topic "The Cycle of Judges" based on Judges 6:36-40.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School will meet**
- **11:00 am: Children's Christmas Program**
- **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

**Dec. 15: 3:00pm Patience Bible Study will meet for their Christmas Gathering**  
**Dec. 15-26: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**  
**Dec. 17: 6:30 pm All Church Christmas Caroling**  
**Dec. 24: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service**  
**Dec. 31: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**



The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on **Sunday, December 14 at 11am.** Practice will occur in the students' classrooms during the Sunday School hour, with a **whole-group practice on Sunday 12/7.**



**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 15-18 and 22-25 (Mon, Tues, & Thurs).** Volunteers can sign up at the Information Center. Questions? Contact Joel and Kathy Verdoorn.



**Let's go Caroling!** On **Wednesday, December 17,** please join us for a bowl of chili or potato soup from 5:30-6:15pm before we head out to carol at 6:30. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall by 6:00pm to get organized. This event is for all children and adults! Pioneer Club and Remnant members will also be joining in on the fun!

### Family Supper Menu:

Dec 10: Tator Tot Casserole & Dinner Roll  
 Dec 17: Chili or Potato Soup and Crackers (meal at 5:30pm)  
 Dec 24: No Wednesday Night Activities due to Christmas  
 Jan 7: BBQ's and Mac and Cheese



*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 <u>Prep</u> Dec 9: Mim Ernst Kathy Runia	5:30 pm <u>Serve</u> Dec 10: Kira Christensen Dennis & Dar Jurgens Kathy Runia	2 dozen Bars or Cookies: Kira Christensen, Katie Colling Dar Jurgens
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## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

**Unhurried Christmas Devotional:** The Alliance of Reformed Churches is sharing Pastor Cameron Beidler's Unhurried Christmas devotional with its members for FREE! If you would like to subscribe to this email devotional please visit the following link <https://arc21.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054881>

**OCMA Christmas Toy Drive at United Church of Christ.** Every child deserves to feel the joy of Christmas from the birth of Jesus to finding a gift under the tree on Christmas Day. We are looking for toys, books, games, and hygiene items for kids ages 0 – 18 this Advent Season. Please bring to UCC on December 7th, 14th or 19th at the alley parking lot door. Parents and guardians may come on December 20th 9am – 2pm to pick out a gift for their child with some stocking stuffers, hygiene items and wrapping options. Contact Pastor Maggie for questions and more information. Merry Christmas!



**All gifts will need to be turned in no later than**

**Wednesday, December 10.**

Gifts will be delivered to Upper Des Moines on December 11. If anyone is Interested in delivering the gifts to UDMO, please let the office know. Thanks!!



### **RADIATE HAITI MINISTRIES**

Holiday Meal Kits

Things in Haiti have yet to stabilize, which we are saddened to report. Yet time and time again, we are blown away by the generosity of those who support our ministry and its efforts.

This holiday season, Radiate Haiti Ministries is collecting donations for holiday meal kits to support families in need who are experiencing food insecurity. What a wonderful opportunity to gift a meal to a family in Haiti. About **\$75 will provide a meal kit** and will be distributed to families around Christmas and into the New Year. **Donations are due Sunday, December 21st.**

**Please send your donations to:**

**Radiate Haiti Ministries  
c/o Kelsey & Elesson Joseph  
404 Main St. ☐  
Hospers, IA 51238**

For check donations, kindly make them payable to Radiate Haiti Ministries.

Let's come together to spread joy and nourishment this holiday season!

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and support.

--Kelsey and Elesson (Papito) Joseph.

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE: JOSHUA 5:13-6:21**

**MESSAGE: JOSHUA AND THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN**

## 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, 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, 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:** Margaret Travaille, Paul Doorenbos, and David Calsbeek
- **Lawrence Wiersma** was able to return home from the hospital this past Friday! Please continue to pray for strength and healing as he makes the transition back home.

## Faith In Action for December: Sharing Christmas Families



**Gifts are due by: December 10**

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings November 30:** General-\$1149.20; Ben.-\$50; Building-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$50.

**Thanksgiving Offering for Benevolent:** \$12,163

**Special offering for November is for Sharing Christmas Families**

**Special offering for December will be for Bethany Christian Services**

**Attendance 11/23: 173 Attendance Thanksgiving Eve: 115 No Service on 11/30**

### 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!

	<b>This Week: December 7</b>	<b>Next Week: December 14</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: John and Kim McDougall C: Dave and Jessica McDyer W: Leona Meendering	E: Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp C: Lyle Peelen W: Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Maureen & Amelia Heilman	Amy Van Marel & Jodi Wagenaar
<b>C&amp;W Leader/Helper</b>	Deb Kusters & Donna Smidt	Deb Kusters & Olivia/Grace
<b>Library:</b>	Leona Meendering	Janice Runia
<b>Coffee:</b>	Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma	Nate and Angela Buysman

### church staff

**Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor**  
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**Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries**  
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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

**Website at: [www.sibleyfrfc.org](http://www.sibleyfrfc.org)** (for a broad view of FRC)

**Facebook page: First Reformed Church Sibley, IA.** (for current announcements)

**Instagram page: [remnantyouth116](https://www.instagram.com/remnantyouth116)** (all Youth Group activities)