



FEBRUARY 2, 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).



9:00 am Praise and Worship Service Prelude: Ger Van Diepen **WELCOME** CALL TO WORSHIP: MARK 7:17-23 SONG: "GOODNESS OF GOD" **SONG:** "SURELY GOODNESS LOVE AND MERCY" **PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE** CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP **SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23 **MESSAGE:** "PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS" **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER) **SONG:** "THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD" #444 BENEDICTION CLOSING SONG: "MAY GOD'S BLESSING SURROUND YOU"

Happening This Week

Sunday, February 2:

- 9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service. This morning we welcome Josh Lucas as he continues the series "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" with the message Paths of Righteousness.
- 10:10 am: Sunday School Practicing the Way Study will be offered in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church Tuesday, February 4:
- 8:30 am: Quilters will meet in the Fireside Room Wednesday, February 5:
- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups**

6:30 pm: 1-5th Grade Bible Classes will meet 6:30 pm: Middle School Remnant will meet 7:30 pm: High School Remnant will meet

Thursday, February 6:

- 7 pm: Practicing the Way weeknight class will meet in the Fireside Room Sunday, February 9:
- 8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir will practice this morning.
- 9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service. This morning we welcome Pastor Brian as he continues the series "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" with the message No Fear. We thank the Youth Choir for their ministry of music this morning.
- 10:10 am: Sunday School
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 am: Round 4 of the Men's Cooking Competition...Your Best Bean Dish. See announcement in this bulletin.
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church

Mark Your Calendars

February 12: 7:00pm FRC will have a Congregational Meeting to vote to stay or leave the RCA. Please see announcement in this bulletin. No Wednesday night activities due to meeting • February 16: 8:20 am Joyful Voices Choir will practice 9:00 am Today we have the blessing of witnessing the Infant Baptism of Lincoln Cole Van Diepen, son of Collin and Lexi Van Diepen. February 17: 9:30 am Faith Bible Study 3:00 pm Patience Bible Study February 23: 9:00 am Joyful Voices Choir will sing February 26: 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services



Practicing **Today** 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. For those who can not attend the Sunday morning program, a 7pm Thursday option is also available.

Planning for Vacation Bible School 2025 is beginning, but help is



needed! Vacation Bible School needs 1-2 people to serve as directors. The role of director is primarily preparation in the months leading up to VBS, such as coordinating volunteers, promoting VBS, and utilizing the curriculum to organize everything needed to make

the week a success! Are you being called to step into this role and plan a fun week of learning for our kids?! Please reach out to Jena Ver Steeg, Josh Lucas or any member of the Education Team- We'd love to talk to you more about this opportunity and answer any questions you may have.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & VOTE

A Special Congregational Meeting will take place on February **12 at 7:00pm**. At this meeting we will be voting to either stay in the Reformed Church of America or leave and join the Alliance of Reformed Churches. If you are unable to attend the

meeting and would like an absentee ballot, those may be picked up at the office during office hours. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please contact the office via email: sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or by calling 754-2783 or Jamie's cell as listed in the directory. All absentee ballots need to be returned to the office by February 12. Any ballots received after the 12th will be invalid. An official notice letter concerning the congregational meeting was mailed out this past Friday. This notice was sent to ALL active members of FRC. During the Round Table Discussion concerning RCA and ARC, two links were discussed which give more information concerning the ARC:

https://arc21.org/ https://midwestnetwork.org/ or

Round 4 of the Men's Cooking Competition needs your help. We ask members to add to the fun of the day by **providing a hot or cold side dish** to go along with the Bean Dishes. Beverages, bread and ice cream will be provided. Thanks!!

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

Fellowship of the Carpenter will host their annual Soup & Pie Supper freewill offering fundraiser on <u>Wednesday, February 12, from 5-7 p.m.</u>, in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Chili, chicken noodle, broccoli cheese, and chicken wild rice soups, along with ham and cheese sandwiches, and a variety of pies and bars, will be available. Delivery in Sibley only (call 754-2479). Deliveries start at 4:30.

New on the Book Table: What Do I Say When....? by Andrew T. Walker and Christian Walker We live in a deeply confused, rapidly changing culture, and navigating such a world has never been more challenging for young people and never more perplexing for parents. Questions surrounding popular cultural beliefs demand biblical answers. This guide helps busy parents quickly and effectively respond to their children's questions on a wide range of hot-button topics, including abortion, sexuality, transgenderism, technology political engagement, and others. Each chapter features age-appropriate conversation prompts to help parents proactively cultivate biblical truth within their child's heart and equip the child to engage with the surrounding culture with wisdom and discernment.

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 MESSAGE: "PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"



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 reguest you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office.

Prav For:

- Those in assisted living: Wilma Hatting, Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Alfreda Verdoorn, 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

Prav 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: Merlin Doorenbos, Alfreda Verdoorn, Janelle Van Drunen, Russ Gaalswyk, Donna Kleinwolterink, Margarett Travaille, and Mike Block

Words of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your expressions of sympathy and support following the passing of my brother. I am truly blessed to be a part of this family of God. ~~LaVon Dykstra

Faith In Action for February Random Acts of Kindness

Cheer up a friend Thank a Teacher Lend a hand Help a student make friends Read to a young child **Do a kind act daily** Leave a thank you note Offer your seat Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first Bake cookies for firefighters Give a compliment

Assist an adult Give a balloon away Lend a classmate a pencil Encourage a friend Celebrate something every day Respect others Walk a dog Do a favor Forgive mistakes Smile at someone new

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings January 26: General-\$9628.60; Benevolent-\$405; Building-\$50; Community Express Bus-\$170; Remnant Youth-100; Cherish Center-430.75. Special offering for January is for Osceola Communities Express Attendance Last Sunday: 177

Offering Summary Through January:

General Fund Offerings: \$30,137.60 | Budget: \$363,794.52 | 8% Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$740 | Budget: \$61,125 | 1% Avg. monthly offering needed: \$35,493 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Jan.:\$30,877.60

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: February 2	Next Week: February 9
Greeters:	E: Cole & Kayla Hoekstra/family C: Dale and Karen Honken W: Loren and Deb Hulstein	E: Mark Hulstein C: Michael and Chelsea Hulstein/family W: Rod Hulstein
Worship Nursery:	Peg and Curt Van Kley	Laurel and Natalie Klaassen
C&W Leader	Deb Kosters	Deb Kosters
Library:	Kathy/Joel Verdoorn	Jamie Hulstein
Coffee:	Curt & Peg Van Kley	Duane and Pam Vande Hoef

<u>church staff</u>

Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor frcpastorbrian@gmail.com church:712-754-2783 Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9am-Noon; Thurs 11am-2pm

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