



**Psalm 23:  
The Rod and The Staff**



**FEBRUARY 23, 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:** PSALM 44:3

**JOYFUL VOICES CHOIR**

**SONG:** "GOODNESS, LOVE & MERCY"

**SONG:** "NO LONGER SLAVES"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP**

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23

**MESSAGE:** "PSALM 23: A LIFE WITHOUT LACK--  
THE ROD AND THE STAFF"

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)**

**SONG:** "UNDER HIS WINGS I AM SAFELY ABIDING" #484

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "SHEPHERD OF LOVE" #446

## ***Happening This Week***

### **Sunday, February 23:**

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir will practice**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning we welcome Josh to the pulpit as he continues the series "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" with the message *The Rod and the Staff*. Today we thank the Joyful Voices Choir for their special music
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**

### **Tuesday, February 18:**

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

### **Wednesday, February 19:**

- **2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**
- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups**
  - 6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades will meet
  - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant will meet
  - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant will meet

### **Thursday, February 20:**

- **7 pm: Practicing the Way** weeknight class will meet in the Fireside Room

### **Sunday, March 2:**

- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir will practice**
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues the series "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" with the message *What To Do With an Enemy*.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church**



**The Outreach team needs your help.** We will once again be providing bars to various groups in our community on February 24 (weather date of Feb 26). They will need **32 dozen** bars, individually wrapped and dropped off in the church kitchen **TODAY**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Information Center to volunteer to bake for the cause.

## ***Mark Your Calendars***

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| March 5:  | 6:30 Men's Lenten Breakfast here at FRC   |
| March 7:  | 2:00 pm World Day of Prayer   |
| March 9:  | 9:00 am The Youth Choir will sing. Today we also have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Infant Baptism of Sarah Jordan Lucas, daughter of Josh and Hannah Lucas. |
| March 10: | 6:00 pm Elder Deacon Meetings<br>7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet  |



## **FRC Champions Cookoff!!**

**March 16: "Your Signature Dish"**

## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests



**The Sibley-Ocheyedan Friends of the FFA invite you** to their annual Soup and Pie Supper on **Thursday, March 6 from 5pm-7pm.** Soups available will be Vegi Beef, Potato Bacon, Chicken Noodle, and Chili; along with Ham and Cheese Sandwiches and a variety of pies and desserts. Carryout and delivery are available. For delivery, please call or text Kim at 712-461-0682

**Free Food Available**—The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Thursday, February 27, from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. Please bring your own boxes or bags. Also, if you are picking up food for another household, you will need a signed note from them including the name, address, and number of people in the household.



### **You are invited to World Day of Prayer March 7 at 2:00 pm here at FRC!**

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colorful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'. Program to be followed by tropical refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23

**MESSAGE:** *"PSALM 23: A LIFE WITHOUT LACK--  
THE ROD AND THE STAFF"*

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you very much for the generous donation** given to the Osceola Community Express. For many folks in our communities, the bus is their only means of transportation to work, appointments or getting groceries. The daily operation and maintenance of the bus depends heavily upon the support from our communities. We couldn't run it without your help! Thank you again so much for supporting OCE.

~~Denise, Amy, Pam and David

**Thank you for your prayers and cards** at the time of my brother, Robert Luitjens', death. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

~~Wilma Hatting



## 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 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, 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:** Dave Stofferan, Merlin Doorenbos, Alfreda Verdoorn, Janelle Van Drunen, Russ Gaalswyk, Donna Kleinwolterink, Margaret Travaille, and Mike Block
- **Kathy Verdoorn** was able to return home following a successful surgery. Continue to pray for healing for her.
- **Janice Heikes** underwent a procedure on her back this past week. Prayers of healing and that her pain will be relived soon are needed.
- **Lawrence Wiersma**, was admitted to the hospital in Denton, TX on Thursday, February 13 with an irregular heartbeat and some breathing issues. Following many tests, an angiogram was scheduled on Monday, February 17. However, while undergoing the angiogram, it was discovered Lawrence had suffered a heart attack at some point in the last few months. He had one artery 100% blocked so the angiogram was not completed. After more testing and consulting with a specialized cardiologist, Lawrence underwent another procedure this past Thursday, where they will try to put in a stent. Unfortunately, this is a higher risk surgery as the Cardiologist will have to work thru plaque to get thru the artery. Therefore causing a greater chance of bleeding. Please pray for a successful surgery with no complications for Lawrence as well as a sense of calm and peace for Ruth Ann as she waits for the surgery to finish.

## Faith In Action for February Random Acts of Kindness

Cheer up a friend Thank a Teacher Lend a hand Help a student make friends Assist an adult  
Read to a young child Do a kind act daily Give a balloon away Lend a classmate a pencil  
Leave a thank you note Offer your seat Celebrate something every day Encourage a friend  
Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first Respect others Walk a dog Do a favor  
Bake cookies for firefighters Give a compliment Forgive mistakes Smile at someone new

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings February 16:** General-\$9454; Ben.-\$345; Building-\$0; Remnant Youth-\$520.

**Special offering for February is for the Remnant Youth Groups.**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 168**

### 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 23	Next Week: March 2
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Mike and Mary Hustoft C: Merlyn and Julie Janssen W: Jeannette Juffer	E: John and Jan Juffer C: Dennis and Dar Jurgens W: Kevin and Laurel Klaassen
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Pam Vande Hoef & Jenny Weg	Abby and Joselyn DeZeeuw
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Deb Kusters	Deb Kusters
<b>Library:</b>	Jan Henrichs	Jamie Hulstein
<b>Coffee:</b>	Nate and Angela Buysman	Laura and Jordan Carpenter

### church staff

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

**Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries**  
joshlfrfc@gmail.com Office Hours:  
Mon, Tue, Thurs: 9-5pm; Wed 9am-9pm;  
Friday Noon-4p

**Brenda Kuhl, Worship Coordinator**  
pptfrc@gmail.com

**Jamie Hulstein, Administrative Secretary**  
sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com  
712-754-2783  
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