



**APRIL 19, 2026**

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:** Mim Ernst

**WELCOME**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION - GENTIVA HOSPICE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** PROVERBS 1:1-7

**SONG:** "YOU ARE MY VISION"

**SONG:** "THY WORD"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED*

**SCRIPTURE:** ECCLESIASTES 2:17-26

**MESSAGE:** WISDOM LITERATURE

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG:** "FROM EVERLASTING (PSALM 90)"

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "TRUST IN THE LORD" CHORUS



## Happening This Week

### Sunday, April 19:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian will continue the series, "Original Route 66" with the topic *Wisdom Literature* based on Ecclesiastes 2:17-26. This morning we welcome John McMahon from Gentiva Hospice as he shares a bit about this ministry.
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Studies**

### Monday, April 20:

- **9:30 am: Faith Bible Study will meet**
- **3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study will meet**
- **FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels (April 20-23)**

### Tuesday, April 21:

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

### Wednesday, April 22:

- **Wednesday Night Activities:**
  - 6:00 pm: Family Night Supper**
  - 6:30-7:30 pm: 1st-5th Grade Pioneer Club & Adult Bible Study Groups**
  - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant will meet**
  - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant will meet**

### Thursday, April 23:

- **7-8pm: "The Doctrine of Assurance of Salvation" class** will meet in the Fireside Room

### Friday, April 24:

- **2 pm: BINGO at Sibley Specialty Care**  
(FRC is in charge, please volunteer to help)

### Sunday, April 26:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian will continue the series, "Original Route 66" with the topic *The Psalms* based on Psalm 139:1-24.
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Studies**

## Volunteer Opportunities!!

(Sign-up at the Information Center)

- **BINGO helpers** at Sibley Specialty Care for the **month of April**.
- **Meals on Wheels for April 20-23 and April 27-30.**
- **Freedom's Gate Church meal servers** in Sioux Falls on **April 26th**.
- **Ride Providers:** The OCMA is building a list of volunteers who are able to give rides to people for doctor appointments.



**We're getting ready for Community VBS: Rome—and we need your help!** Please start saving your empty toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls for upcoming craft projects. These simple items will help us bring our VBS creations to life in a fun and meaningful way for the kids. You can drop off donations in the box in the fellowship hall anytime leading up to VBS on May 31.

**Leadership Training Workshop** will be offered here at FRC on May 9 from 9am-4pm (lunch included). This event is aimed at equipping members of our church to understand the role that leaders play in the life of the church as well as training individuals to see opportunities where they can step up and minister in a leadership position. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brian.

**FRC has created a Officer Nominating Team** to aid in the nomination of Elders and Deacons to serve on Consistory. Those on the team are: Ron Dykstra, John Van Diepen, Heidi Saylor, Jan Henrichs, Rhonda Riebeling, Arnie Langstraat, and Clayton Wagenaar. If you have ever had the desire to serve as an Elder or Deacon, please feel free to contact one of the team members for more details.



**May 31-June 4 will be our Community VBS!!**  
**Registration Deadline May 1!!**

Host Church: First Presbyterian Church

Step back in time and experience the excitement of ancient Rome at this year's Community Vacation Bible School!  
**To register your student(s) or to volunteer to help, please use the following link or scan the QR code:**  
[https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/sibleyiowa2026](https://vbspro.events/p_early/sibleyiowa2026)



## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

**Garden Plots Available:** If you are looking for a place to put a garden, there are garden plots available at the community gardens located behind Sibley CRC church. If you are interested call Keith at 721-344-0217.

**Free Food Available**—The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Thursday, April 23, from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. Please bring your own boxes or bags.

**Gentiva Hospice** in Spirit Lake is looking for compassionate individuals who would like to make a difference in the lives of those facing a life-limiting illness. Hospice volunteers offer companionship, respite for caregivers, and the simple but profound gift of presence -- no medical experience required. Training is provided. To learn more or to sign up, contact John McMahon, Volunteer Coordinator at (727) 421-9216 or john.mcmahon@gentivahs.com. You may also visit with John following today's service for more information.

**As a church partner with Ligonier**, our congregation has been invited to attend the 2027 National Conference on April 1-3, 2027. Please visit [Ligonier.org/2027](http://Ligonier.org/2027) to register today! During registration you may use the "church partner rate" to get a discount.

## Mark Your Calendars

**April 20-24:** FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels

**April 27-30:** FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels

**May 3:** 9:00 am Youth Sunday

**May 9:** FRC Officer Training Class more info TBD

**May 10:** Communion Prep Sunday

**May 11:** 6 pm Elder/Deacon meetings; 7pm Full Consistory will meet

**May 17:** Graduation Sunday

### Family Supper Menu:

April 22: Tacos/Taco bowls and Rice

April 29: Cook's Choice/ Sandwiches and Salads



*All meals include fruit/fresh vegi, cookies/bars, and milk, water, or juice to drink.*

*Ham sandwiches available in place of main entrée.*

*March Offering items: Soup, Saltines or snack crackers*

### Volunteer Reminder:

1:00 pm Prep April 21:

Mim Ernst  
Kathy Runia

5:45 pm Serve April 22:

Ron & Nancy Dykstra  
Laura Carpenter  
Teresa Hurlburt

2 doz. Bars/Cookies:

Jena Ver Steeg  
Nancy Dykstra  
Kathy Runia

## 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, Jo Hielkema, and Martha Krikke
- **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:** Imogene Rasmussen (surgery), Paul Doorenbos (physical therapy/regain strength), Madison VanEngen (chemo treatments and prolonged hospital stay) and David Calsbeek (cancer treatments).
- **Marcus DeBoer** is recovering at home from pancreatitis. He will have blood work done this coming week to be sure the infection is no longer an issue. Please pray for healing and strength for him as he prepares for surgery in a few weeks.

## Faith In Action for April: Church Kitchen Items



We will be collecting items that will be put to use in our church kitchen. Some items needed are: Coffee Creamer Cups, Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels. We **do not need**, Dish Soap or Napkins. Maybe you have worked in the kitchen and know of something that would be useful that you would like to donate.

All items are appreciated!

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings April 12:** General-\$6951.80; Ben.-\$400; Kitchen Remodel-\$225; VBS expenses:\$140; Remnant Youth:\$100; Pioneer Club Meals:\$200.

**Special offering for April is for VBS expenses**

**Attendance April 12:** 184

### Offering Summary Through March 31:

General Fund Offerings: \$92,858.90 | Budget: \$382,111.50 | 24%

Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$6670.93 | Budget: \$57,850.00 | 12%

Building Fund Offerings: \$455; Kitchen Updates: \$225

Avg. mo. offering needed: \$36,800.96 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Mar: \$30,914.59

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: April 19</b>	<b>Next Week: April 26</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Mim Ernst C: Luella Eggink W: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell	E: Dwayne and Janice Heikes C: Dan and Maureen Heilman W: Burt and Jan Henrichs
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Laurel and Natalie Klaassen	Anne Maxwell & Ruth Ann Wiersma
<b>C&amp;W Leader/Helper</b>	Deb Kosters / Donna Smidt	Deb Kosters / Nash, Cash, Loryl, Addison
<b>Library:</b>	Gert Gaalswyk	Jan Henrichs
<b>Coffee:</b>	Ed and Jan Harskamp	Bill and LaDonn Hartzell

### church staff

**Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor**

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Thurs and Friday Noon-4pm

**Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries**

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Mon, Tue, Thurs: 9-5pm; Wed 9am-9pm;  
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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 3:00pm**

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

**Facebook page: [First Reformed Church Sibley, IA.](https://www.facebook.com/FirstReformedChurchSibleyIA)** (for current announcements)

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

**Guest Wifi Access: SFRC-Guest | password: FRC-guest**