

Thanks in  
Advance



**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today. Miss a service, want to watch a sermon again? Our services are also broadcast live on our YouTube Channel (Sibley First Reformed Church).

*Glorify God With Worship!*

**10:00 am Sunday Morning  
Praise & Worship Service**

**Prelude:** Mim Ernst

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS: GRANT BROUWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE READING: CHRISTIAN UNITY #656

**HYMN:** "SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST" #593

**PRAISE SONG:** "HE IS OUR GOD & KING" SOVEREIGN GRACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED

**PRAISE SONG:** "IN CHRIST ALONE"

**SCRIPTURE:** PHILIPPIANS 1

**MESSAGE:** THANKS IN ADVANCE

**HYMN:** "NEARER STILL NEARER" #438

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING:** "THE BOND OF LOVE" #123 VS 1



## ***Happening This Week***

### **Sunday, November 21:**

- **9:00 am Sunday School for ages 4-Adult.**
- **9:00 am Coffee Fellowship Time**
- **10:00 am Praise and Worship Service** Today we welcome Dale Honken to the pulpit to lead us in worship with the message *Thanks in Advance* based on the scripture of Philippians 1.
- **11:00 am Advent Choir practice** following the service. All voices are needed!

### **Tuesday, November 23:**

- **8:30 am Quilting Chicks** will meet

### **Wednesday, November 24:**

- **No Bible Classes or Youth Groups** tonight
- **6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Greeters- E: Larry and Rhonda Riebeling; C: Curt and Peg Van Kley; W: Burt and Jan Henrichs
- **Church Christmas Decorating Following the service.** Remember that District 4 (Members: Jo-Hielkema-Dennis Jurgens; Elder: Harold Ernst; Deacon: Larry De Boer) are in charge of decorations this year.

### **Sunday, November 28:**

- **9:00 am Sunday School for ages 4-Adult.**
- **9:00 am Coffee Fellowship Time**
- **10:00 am Praise and Worship Service** Today we welcome Dr. Greg Kosters to the pulpit to lead us in worship.

**Offering Envelopes** will once again be offered for anyone in the congregation who would like to use them. This is a great way to be able to keep track of your giving! At the end of the year a statement of giving will be mailed to you for your information. If you would like to begin using envelopes please contact the office. For those of you who already use them, please let the office know if you will not be using them next year.



**Sibley's Christmas Parade 2021!!** The Outreach Team is hoping to put together a float for the Christmas Parade in downtown Sibley on November 27th. We are looking for individuals willing to sing carols, decorate the float, make signs for the float and Christmas Decorations. Please see the signup sheet on the Information Center to get signed up!



**We are still in need of a few family photos!** Maybe take a moment this Thanksgiving, as you are gathering with family, to snap a quick picture for our church directory. Please remember that a vertical picture works in the directory better than a horizontal one.



**Leftover Spaghetti sauce** with meat can be found in the church freezer. It is available for anyone who wants it. Please place your donation in the envelope provided on the freezer door. Thanks!

## ***Mark Your Calendars***

**December 1:** 9:00am Mothers Together will meet

**December 5:** Communion Sunday

**December 12:** Sunday School Program

**December 24:** 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## News you Need to Know

**Team Trinity Gift and Bake Sale** will be held on **December 4th from 8am-1pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be decorative gifts and LOTS of goodies to choose from. Please come and help TEAM TRINITY raise money for the American Cancer Society.

**The First Presbyterian Church** will **not** be holding its Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal this year.



**Wanted:** Osceola Community Express is looking for a bus driver. This is a perfect part-time job for someone who relates well to others. A CDL license is required. The bus operates from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have an interest in helping others in our community, please call Ed Harskamp at 712-461-1372. He will be able to answer any questions you might have regarding this opportunity.



**OCMA invites all churches to join the Winter Coat Drive.** Donations of new or gently used coats and winter gear (stocking hats, mittens/gloves, boots and etc.) are requested. Coats and gear will be collected at the participating churches starting November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be distributed to local organizations by OCMA. Let's help keep kids and adults warm this winter!

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** PHILIPPIANS 1

**MESSAGE:** *THANKS IN ADVANCE*

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you for your donation** of 8 bags of Winter Clothing. We so appreciate you and your kindness. The Center of Hope enjoys sharing God's Love and Grace through visits, bikes, clothes and prayer.

~~God bless, Center of Hope Team

**Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of concern** following my liver biopsy, heart attack and all of the hospital stays I had after that. I'm getting stronger everyday and will be starting therapy again. Your continued prayers are appreciated and needed as doctors are trying to decide what cancer treatments to use. We are so blessed for having such a caring church family and friends. God is Good!

~~Keith and Janelle Van Drunen

**Thank you to everyone** who brought blankets etc., for our sleeping bags. At the present time we have an ample supply. Thank you also to Duane and Pam Vande Hoef for taking their time to put extensions on the legs of our work tables. It makes it so much easier to work at a higher table.

~~Kathy Verdoorn for the quilting chicks



## In Our Prayers...



If you have a pastoral need, please contact Harold Ernst (461-1361) or your District Elder or Deacon. You may also contact the church office (754-2783) or Jamie's cell (260-7246) 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:** Richard Kruger, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Our nursing home residents:** Donna Sterler, Margaret Calsbeek, Marlys Brink, and Harold Schram.
- **Our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim Ten Cley, Rowland and Jane Van Es

### Pray For:

- **All those** who have had recent illnesses and/or surgeries.
- **Our Pastoral Search Team** as they continue the search process.
- **Our County and its Leaders.**
- **Marcus DeBoer** as he continues with therapy.
- **Keith Van Drunen** pray for continued healing and strength as he begins therapy again. Pray also that the doctors can decide on the best course of treatment for his cancer.
- **Barb Van Hattem** as she heals from her surgery.
- **Jodene Kruse** as she heals from foot surgery.
- **Gene Groen** as he underwent a heart procedure this past week. Pray for strength and healing for him.
- **Helen Vander Veen** as she had a film removed from her cataracts lens. Pray that clear vision may be restored to her once again.

## Happy Birthday

**Happy Birthday to Geneva Wissink on November 27th!** Geneva will turn 99 this coming Saturday which will make her the oldest living member of First Reformed Church!! If you would like to help Geneva celebrate this milestone, birthday greetings can be sent to: Geneva Wissink, 409 9th Ave N., Sibley, IA 51249. May God continue to bless Geneva with good health and we praise God for her life!



## Faith In Action for November: Operation Christmas Child

**Thank you for your shoebox donations! Boxes have been delivered to the Collection Site.**

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings taken on Nov 14:** General-\$6333; Benevolent-\$300; Building-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$95; Remnant-\$295.

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

**Attendance Last Sunday: 185**

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: November 21</b>	<b>Next Week: November 28</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	Open but unstaffed	Open but unstaffed
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Dean and Amy Van Marel C: Randy Van De Berg W: Ger and Barb Van Diepen	E: AJ & Jenny Weg/family C: Steve and Leanne Van Kley W: Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Karen Honken	Deb Kusters
<b>Library:</b>	Jeannette Juffer	Leona Meendering
<b>Coffee:</b>	Roger and Carol Iedema	Elesson and Kelsey Joseph

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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am -2 pm  
Office is closed on Tues, Wed & Fri

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