

# THE STORY

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The Return Home



***Welcome to Church!***

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. Remember, we will continue to broadcast each service via our YouTube Channel!! Log on to YouTube and search Sibley Frist Reformed Church or go to our website: [sibleyfrfc.org](http://sibleyfrfc.org) for the LIVE link and you can find today's and past weeks' services. Whatever way you choose to worship with us today, we pray it will be a blessing to you.

***Glorify! God With Worship***

**9:00am Cornerstone Service**

- Children and Worship during the service (3yr-K)

**10:10 am Sunday School**

**No Coffee Fellowship at this time**

**11:00 am Open Door Service**

- Children and Worship during the service (3yr-K)

***Grow! In His Word***

**SCRIPTURE:**

HAGGAI 1:3-8 PG:1468

**MESSAGE:**

**"THE RETURN HOME"**

***Stewardship & Giving***

**Offerings taken on November 1, 2020:** General Fund-\$4369; Benevolent Fund -\$290; Sharing Christmas-\$50; Village Northwest-\$100  
Attendance: 1st-76 2nd-35.

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

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, November 8:

- Today we are completing the second installment of the series on the book "The Story" with today's topic, *The Return Home*. At the 9:00 service today we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of three little girls, Alivia Jade Weg, daughter of AJ and Jenny Weg and Adelyn Joy and Caelyn Hope Hurlburt, twin daughters of Cody and Kristen Hurlburt. May God bless these little ones and their families.
- **10:10 am Sunday School**

### Monday, November 9:

- **6:00pm** Elder (Fellowship Hall)/ Deacon (Fireside Room) Meetings
- **7:00pm** Full Consistory will meet
- **7:00pm Monday Evening Bible Study** will meet in the Library

### Wednesday, November 11:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Group**
  - 6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grade Students**
  - 6:30 pm: Middle School Remnant** will meet in the Fellowship Hall
  - 7:30 pm: High School Remnant** will meet in the Fellowship Hall (please park on the west side of church and use the west doors)

### Sunday, November 15:

- Today we welcome Pastor Luke to the pulpit at FRC one last time. We as a congregation thank you for your years of leading us. May God go with you, strengthen you and always be near you. Best of God's blessings to you and Chris.
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **ALL** Elder & Deacon Ballots are due TODAY by NOON.
- **Operation Christmas Child** Boxes are due back to church today!

## Mark Your Calendars

**November 18: 9:00 am** Mothers Together will meet

**6:30 pm** Remnant Food Find for the Food Bank

**November 25: 6:30 pm** Thanksgiving Eve Service; No Wed. Night activities

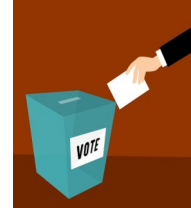
## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: November 8</b>	<b>Next Week: November 15</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	Open but is unstaffed	Open but is unstaffed
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Gretchen Bartelson C: Jodi and Clayton Wagenaar W: Justin and Angela Van Tilburg/family	E: Bill & LaDonn Hartzell C: Scott & Jamie Hulstein/Family W: Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma
<b>Library:</b>	Jan Juffer	Jeannette Juffer
<b>Coffee:</b>	No Coffee Fellowship at this time	No Coffee Fellowship at this time

## News you Need to Know

**Those nominated to the office of Deacon are:** Troy Block, Jon Elser, Kevin Heemstra, Cole Hoekstra, Arnie Langstraat and Brad Loerts.

**Those nominated to the office of Elder are:** Henry Fisher, Dennis Jurgens, Ken Loerts, Steve Van Kley and Randy Van De Berg.



**It has been the decision of the Consistory of First Reformed Church** to cancel this year's Congregational Meeting. In light of this change we have also changed our voting procedure for 2020. Anonymous ballots, along with a self addressed/ stamped envelope, and a letter explaining our election changes have been mailed to you.

**Please make your selection of 3 Elders and 3 Deacons. The two individuals who receive the majority of the votes for both Elder and Deacon will be elected for a three year term.**

**All votes MUST be returned by noon on November 15, 2020.**

**ANY BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER SUCH TIME, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE ELCTION COUNT.**

**If you have any questions please contact the office or any current member of Consistory.**

## Community Happenings & Events

### Online Auction Fundraiser for ATLAS of Osceola County

**There will be an online auction fundraiser from Wednesday, November 11 through Monday, November 16.** Items up for bid can be seen on the ATLAS of Osceola Facebook page **beginning November 11.** Place your bid in the comments under each item listed. Last bid will be taken at 12 noon on November 16. Items can be paid for and picked up at the ATLAS office starting a 1pm on Monday afternoon the 16<sup>th</sup>. Like our Facebook page to get more information.

**The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen meal** is being held at Sibley First Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, November 14, at 6 p.m.**, one week early due to Thanksgiving. A Thanksgiving Dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served, Pie for dessert. No charge or freewill offering. We are not sure, at this point, if the meal will be in the church fellowship hall, or drive-up with prepackaged meals brought to the cars. A sign will be posted on the entrance door so people know where to go.

# Opportunities to Serve

**We are in need of a Sunday School Teacher** for the 5th & 6th grade boys. Please contact Diane Langstraat or Deb Kusters for more information. Please consider lending a hand, leading our youth!

**The Outreach Ministry** is in need of 300 individually wrapped bars for an Outreach opportunity to bless our local school faculty members. All bars need to be delivered to the church kitchen no later than **November 18 by 5pm**. Before making bars please contact LaVon Dykstra (507-370-0264) or Kathy Verdoorn (712-754-3923) to check on amount still needed.



**Merry Christmas!!** FRC will be hosting a float for the Christmas Parade in downtown Sibley on November 28<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the float Saturday afternoon as well as 6-8 “Carolers” willing to ride on the float and sing Christmas Songs. If interested please see the signup on the Information Table. If you have questions please contact Larry De Boer.

# Go! Be The Light Of Jesus



**The Faith In Action Project }for the Month of November is Operation Christmas Child!!**

**All Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back to church no later than November 15 by noon!!**

For all things Operation Christmas Child and to watch OCC videos please visit our Operation Christmas Child page on our website...

<https://www.sibleyfrc.org/missions/operation-christmas-child.cfm>

**Be sure to pray for the child who receives your shoebox!** There are many stories of children who received exactly what they needed in their shoeboxes. We fill the boxes with prayer and God places them in the correct child’s hands. There is still time to pack a shoebox to bless a child through Operation Christmas Child.

<p>Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8</p>		<b>First Reformed Church</b> Sibley, IA My Offering Date: _____			24
		Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
WEEKLY OFFERING FOR GENERAL FUND	WEEKLY OFFERING FOR BENEVOLENT	WEEKLY OFFERING FOR BUILDING	WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SPECIAL OFFERING	WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	

**FRC Offering Envelopes are being Prepared** in the office for 2021. If you have never used offering envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know. Envelope users are given a tax receipt at the end of the year for tax purposes. If you are a current envelope user and wish to discontinue using them, please contact the office

**We have changed our “Live Worship Service” format.** All services will now be broadcast live on our YouTube Channel. You can find us on YouTube at Sibley First Reformed Church. If you have questions please contact the office.

## Sermon Notes:

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**MESSAGE:** "THE RETURN HOME"

## In Our Prayers



If you have a pastoral need, please call Pastor Luke (920-889-3911), any member of Consistory or the church office (754-2783). 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:** Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Marlys Brink, Dutch Kruger, and Harold Schram.
- **Pray for 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.

### In Our Prayers

**Continue to lift up** all those who are dealing with cancer, Covid, other illnesses and injuries. Pray for healing and comfort for them.

**Please keep Keith Van Drunen, Faye Vos and Kelli Van De Berg** in your prayers as they continue to recover from recent surgeries.

### Words of Thanks

**I would just like to say thank you** for all the wonderful birthday cards and well wishes sent to me. It was so wonderful to be remembered on my birthday!!

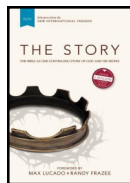
~~Marlys Brink

**Thank you** for the cards and calls following my surgery. May God bless you all!

~~Faye Vos

**Thank You** for remembering us in the passing of Robert's father with your prayers, cards and words of comfort.

~~Robert & Janice Groen



Suggested Readings  
to prepare for *The Story*  
Sermon Series:

11/08 | Ezra 1-6, Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1:8



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

\*\*\*All bulletin announcements are due in  
the church office by Wednesday noon.

Bulletins are printed on  
Thursday morning.\*\*\*