

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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 - Deb Hulstein

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG: "BREATH OF HEAVEN" GRANT

SONG: "EMMANUEL (HALLOWED MANGER GROUND)" TOMLIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/WORDS OF ASSURANCE

****CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED****

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 40:1-11

MESSAGE: WAITING FOR STRENGTH

SONG: "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" #188

PRAYER CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER -- DR. GREG KOSTERS

SONG: "WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS" #197 vs 1-4

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS" #197 vs 5

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 11:

- **9:00 am Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Troy will share his message, "Waiting for Strength" based on Isaiah 40:1-11. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir and Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar for helping with the lighting of the Advent Candle today.
- **10:10 am Sunday School for ages 3 - Adult**
- **10:10 am Coffee Fellowship**
- **10:50-11:30 Christmas Program Practice for 3 year olds - 5th Grade**
- **5:00 pm Children's Christmas Program**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies** will meet

Monday, December 12:

- **11:00 am Faith Bible Study** will meet at Heartwood Heights for their Christmas Salad Luncheon.
- **6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings** (Newly elected Elders/Deacons are requested to attend)
- **7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet** (Newly elected Elders/Deacons are requested to attend. Meal provided by outgoing consistory members.)

Tuesday, December 13:

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

Wednesday, December 14:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups will meet**
 - 6:30 pm: 1st-5th Grade Bible Classes
 - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant
 - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant
- **7:30pm Joyful Voices Choir** will practice

Sunday, December 18:

- **9:00 am Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Troy will share his message, "Waiting to be Satisfied" based on Joel 3:7-21. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir and Mark and Melissa Langstraat/family for helping with the lighting of the Advent Candle today.
- **10:10 am Sunday School for ages 3 - Adult**
- **10:10 am Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies** will meet

Mark Your Calendars

December 19: 2:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet at church for their annual Christmas Goodie Gathering

December 24: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 26-Jan 1: Pastor Troy will be on vacation



An **Advent Devotional** is now available on our website for your use during this Advent season. The devotional can be found at: <https://www.sibleyfrc.org/media/online-bible-study-devotionals.cfm> or by clicking on the "Advent Devotional" heading on our website.

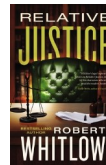


FRC is responsible for BINGO at Sibley Specialty Care for the last three Fridays for the month of January. Please see the Information Center to get signed up to help out.

Future Notices:

- January Newsletter items need to be turned into the office no later than December 22.
- The last day to contribute to the 2022 offerings will be December 29. Any offerings received after the 29th will be placed into the 2023 offerings total.

Mission Trip Opportunity! FRC's Outreach Team is putting plans together for a future Adult (18+) mission trip through Samaritan's Purse. At the present time they are collecting numbers to see if there is interest in a mission trip before they plan anything. If you are interested in a February or March Mission Trip please sign up at the information center TODAY! Numbers need to be gathered by the end of the year to proceed with planning.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Book of the week is for Robert Whitlow fans, **RELATIVE JUSTICE**.



Program Practice Times:

Sunday, December 11: 10:50-11:30 am --3 year olds-5th grade

Sunday, December 11: 5:00 Children's Christmas Program



News you Need to Know

You are invited to the **CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** at Sibley United Methodist Church. **Saturday, December 17th** from **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** (or until all the goodies are gone). We will have lots and lots of cookies, the best of the best!! Bake Sale Items will also be available. Masks are encouraged but not required.

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, December 13 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. 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.

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 40:1-11

MESSAGE: *WAITING FOR STRENGTH*



Radiate Haiti Ministries Christmas Meals for Haiti

From Papito and Kelsey:

It is once again time to plan and prepare for the annual holiday meal kits for our friends in Haiti. Haiti is still a country in turmoil and can really use our help. The cost of simple things like rice, cooking oil and gas have risen beyond reason. While we realize that meal kits alone won't help the issues in Haiti, nor solve the greater hunger felt by our brothers and sisters in Haiti; we can give a gift of a meal kit that will nourish bodies and bring the hope, the hope that we have in Jesus, to those who may be struggling to find that hope right now.

This is where we need help from our friends at FRC. Would you prayerfully consider donating towards these meal kits? Pray for our beloved Haiti and its people? ***Donations can be either dropped off at The Lantern Coffeehouse or mailed directly to us at: Kelsey and Elesson Joseph, 404 Main Street, Hospers, IA 51238.*** If you are writing a check please write "Meal Kits" on the memo line.

We are asking that donations be sent by December 18th so we can get the funds to Haiti to purchase and begin preparing the kits to have distributed for Christmas. Thank You!!

In Our Prayers...



If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Troy Van Beek (712-348-0298) 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:** Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, Margaret Calsbeek, and Geneva Wissink
- **Our nursing home residents:** Donna Sterler 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

Pray For:

- **Janelle Van Drunen** was able to return home from swing bed this past Thursday. Continued prayers for strength to return for her.
- **Brent Wassman** underwent knee replacement surgery this past Thursday. Pray for continued healing for him with minimal pain.
- **Rob Travaille, Jenny Weg and Chad Travaille's father**, remains a patient in Sioux Falls. Please pray for continued healing for him. Pray also for safe travels for his family as they spend time by his side in the hospital.
- **All those who have had recent illnesses and surgeries and/or deal with health issues.**
- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will concerning the RCA and as we seek for a lead pastor
- **Our Country and its Leaders.**

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Lynn Schram and her family upon the passing of Harold. Funeral Service for Harold was held here at FRC yesterday. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers as they mourn their loss. May God comfort those who sorrow.

Words of Thanks

Thank you all for remembering me on my 100th birthday! I received so many nice cards, and I enjoyed every one. Merry Christmas!!

~~Geneva Wissink

Faith In Action for December Sharing Christmas Families



**Wish lists are posted on the wall
in the Fellowship Hall. All gifts need to be
brought to church by December 18.**

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on December 4: General-\$4809.10; Benevolent-\$275; Building-\$65; Bethany-\$60

Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services

Attendance Last Sunday: 161

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 11	Next Week: December 18
Nursery:	Sarah and Brynna Loerts	Abby De Zeeuw & Chelsey Alexander
Greeters:	E: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn C: Roger Verdoorn W: Jena Ver Steeg/family	E: Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar C: Brent and Brenda Wassman W: AJ and Jenny Weg
C&W Leader	Deb Kusters	Deb Kusters
Library:	Pauline Van Engen	Leanne Van Kley
Coffee:	Greg and Deb Kusters	Chris and Teresa Hurlburt

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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 2:00pm