

Christian *Community*



DECEMBER 12, 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: Deb Hulstein

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT HYMN, CANDLE LIGHTING, PRAYER

PRAISE SONG: "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"

PRAISE SONG: "JOY TO THE WORLD"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED

HYMN: "HOW GREAT OUR JOY" #192

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:4-5

MESSAGE: *CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY*

HYMN: "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" #200

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "EMMANUEL" #185

Romans 12:4-5



Happening This Week

Sunday, December 12:

- **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 Larry DeBoer to the pulpit to lead us in worship through the topic "Christian Community" based on the scripture Romans 12:4-5. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for leading us in the Advent hymn and Merlyn and Julie Janssen for lighting the Advent Candle this morning.
- **11:15 am Children's Christmas Program** featuring the 4 year olds - 5th grade.

Monday, December 13:

- **11:30 am Faith Bible Study Christmas Luncheon at Lynn Schram's home.**
Please bring a small salad to share.

Tuesday, December 14:

- **8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet**
- **6:00 pm Elder and Deacon Meetings (New 2022 Consistory members are encouraged to attend)**
- **6:30 pm Consistory Meal. (Outgoing members are in charge)**
- **7:00 pm Full Consistory (New Members are invited)**

Wednesday, December 15:

- **9:00 am Mothers Together will meet**
- **Bible Classes and Remnant Youth Groups will meet**
6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades
6:30 pm: MS Remnant will meet in the youth room
7:30 pm: HS Remnant will meet in the youth room

Sunday, December 19:

- **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 Josh Lucas to the pulpit to lead us in worship through the topic "Good Soil" based on the scripture Matthew 13:1-23. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for leading us in the Advent hymn and Bill and LaDonn Hartzell for lighting the Advent Candle this morning.

Mark Your Calendars

December 20: 3:00 pm Patience Bible Study Christmas Coffee. Please bring a small plate of goodies to share.

December 24: 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



All Adopt a family gifts are to be at church TODAY as they will be delivered to Upper Des Moines this week. Please remember to label your gifts with family name and individual (ex. Girl age 4). Thank you so much for your generosity this year!! Four families will definitely have a brighter Christmas thanks to you.

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Once again this year we are offering families an alternative to traditional advent calendars with the **"Advent Food Collection Calendar."** Copies of the calendar can be found in the December Newsletter (in your mailboxes) or on the Information Center. If you wish to drop boxes off at church, please do so by December 26. Thanks for participating!!



Radiate Haiti Ministries

Radiate Haiti Ministries would like to furnish families in Haiti with a meal. We know that kiddos are likely getting some sort of a meal at school and that is often their only meal of the day, and the holiday season brings school break which also means that the meal they would have gotten at school, isn't happening. With the fuel crisis and gang violence, we want to make sure we utilize whatever resources we can, as best as we can. Our meal idea this year will likely be a bit simpler than last year due to a lack of resources in Haiti but we would LOVE nothing more than to gift families with food again. We would love to partner with FRC once again this year to help provide for these families. For more details contact Kelsey or Elesson (Papito) Joseph. If you feel lead to donate to Radiate Haiti, **Checks should be written to Radiate Haiti Ministries and dropped off in the donation box on the Information Center or given directly to Kelsey or Papito no later than December 19, 2021.** **All donations will be used to purchase food items to distribute to families in northern Haiti for the holiday season.

The Community is invited Sunday, December 12 to the UCC Advent Open House from 3-4:30pm at 704 4th Ave. where you can welcome Pastor Maggie Gish, as she has become the new part-time pastor at the UCC here in Sibley. All are invited and welcome to come for fellowship, Christmas music and light refreshments.

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on **Tuesday, December 14th from 4 - 6 p.m.** at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. People will be asked to drive under the car port for drive-through pick-up. This month thanks to a generous donation of extra food, there will be additional canned/dry goods available in the church basement. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come.

Christmas Cookie Walk at the Sibley United Methodist Church, **Saturday, December 18th 9:00a - 12:00p** (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.

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:4-5
MESSAGE: CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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 Country and its Leaders.**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Grandparents, Lennis and Marvella Harberts, upon the birth of twin grandsons, Sebastian Eleos and Evander Clement Lampen. The boys were born on Monday, December 6, 2021 and are the sons of Jeff and Chelsea Lampen. Prayers are being requested, however, for Sebastian as his little kidneys are not working as they should. Please pray that he may grow stronger and his kidneys may begin working properly. Chelsea is doing well and Evander is going strong. Please continue to lift these boys and their family up in your prayers.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to JoAnn Calsbeek who will be turning 75 years young on December 20th. To help her celebrate this milestone, a card shower has been requested. Birthday greetings and well wishes can be sent to: JoAnn Calsbeek, 722 10th Street, Sibley, IA 51249.

Faith In Action for December:



All gift donations need to be dropped off TODAY.
Thanks so much for your participation with this out-reach opportunity!!

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on Dec 5: General-\$7520; Benevolent-\$650; Building-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$50; Bethany-\$100; Village N'West-\$100.

Special Offering for December is Bethany

Attendance Last Sunday: 217

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 12	Next Week: December 19
Nursery:	Open but unstaffed	Open but unstaffed
Greeters:	E: LaVon Dykstra C: Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar W: Scott and Jamie Hulstein/family	E: Pam Kruger C: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt W: Arnie and Diane Langstraat
C&W Leader	Deb Kusters	Karen Honken
Library:	Jen Schram	Pauline Van Engen
Coffee:	Ken and Wilma Loerts	Larry and Rhonda Riebeling



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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**