

GOOD SOIL

Matthew 13:1-23



DECEMBER 19, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT HYMN, CANDLE LIGHTING, PRAYER

PRAISE SONG: "LIGHT OF THE STABLE"-SELAH

HYMN: "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" #207

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED

HYMN: "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" #188

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 13:1-23

MESSAGE: *GOOD SOIL*

PRAISE SONG: "O WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT"-SIDEWALK PROPHETS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" #216

Happening This Week

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.

Monday, December 20:

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

Tuesday, December 21:

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

Wednesday, December 22:

- **Bible Classes and Remnant Youth Groups** will meet
 - 6:30 pm: Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades
 - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant Christmas Party!!!
 - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant Christmas Party!!!

Friday, December 24:

- **6:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** Greeters for the evening are:
E: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn; C: Jeannette Juffer; W: Joanne Klaassen
- We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for leading us in the Advent hymn and Pam, Jared, and Katie Kruger for lighting the Advent Candle this evening.

Sunday, December 26:

- **No Sunday School -- Christmas Break**
- **9:00 am Coffee Fellowship Time**
- **10:00 am Praise and Worship Service** Today we welcome Pastor Al Honken to the pulpit to lead us in worship through the topic "Who Does He Resemble?" based on the scripture John 1:1-18.

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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!!

Mark Your Calendars

December 29: No Bible Classes or Youth Groups -- Christmas Break

January 2: No Sunday School -- Christmas Break

- **11:00am** (following the service) The Christmas Decorations will be taken down. District 4 is in charge of this.

January 5: Bible Classes Resume

January 9: Ordination and Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacons

- Sunday School Resumes



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.

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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.**

Thank You!

Thank you so much for prayers, visits, food and gifts for my recent foot and ankle surgery. Thank you also to Bill Hartzell for constructing a ramp to help me get home in record time. I am so Blessed in having a loving church family. Thanks again and may God Bless you this Christmas and the New Year!

~~Jodene "Beany" Kruse

Thank you for your prayers, visits, food, cards and calls during my recovery from ankle replacement surgery. God is good and so is the First Reformed Church family!!

~~John and Lois Van Diepen

Faith In Action for December:



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sharing Christmas Families this year. We were able to provide 4 families with an amazing number of gifts and gift cards. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us.

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on Dec 12: General-\$4995; Benevolent-\$859; Building-\$300; The Banquet-\$200; Remnant Youth-\$50.

Special Offering for December is Bethany

Attendance Last Sunday: 224

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 19	Next Week: December 26
Nursery:	Open but unstaffed	Open but unstaffed
Greeters:	E: Pam Kruger C: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt W: Arnie and Diane Langstraat	E: Leona Meendering C: Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn W: Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp
C&W Leader	Karen Honken	No C&W--Christmas Break
Library:	Pauline Van Engen	Leanne Van Kley
Coffee:	Larry and Rhonda Riebeling	Ken and Wilma Loerts



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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