



God's Love
Through
the Son

MATTHEW 1:18-25



Welcome to Worship!

DECEMBER 20, 2020

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today. Our services are also broadcast live on our YouTube Channel (Sibley First Reformed Church) for those who choose to worship from home.

Glorify! God With Worship

9:00 am Cornerstone Service

Prelude: Ger Van Diepen

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #206

Hymn: "What child Is This" #202

Congregational Prayer

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MESSAGE: "GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THE SON"

HYMN: "I WONDER AS I WONDER" #210

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "EMMANUEL" #185

11:00 am Open Door Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SONG: "HARK THE HERALD ANGELS" BY MATT MAHER

SONG: "O WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT" BY SIDEWALK PROPHETS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 1:18-25

MESSAGE: "GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THE SON"

SONG: "LIGHT OF THE STABLE" BY SELAH

BENEDICTION

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 20:

- **9:00am & 11:00am** We welcome Josh Lucas to the pulpit as he leads us in worship today. This morning we light the Fourth Advent Candle, the candle of Love. If we want to see change in the world, it needs to start with us. Go out this week and show God's love to those around you. Thank you to the Brouwer and Elser families for assisting with the candle lighting today.
- **9:00am & 11:00am Children and Worship** during the services
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **No Coffee Fellowship at this time**

Wednesday, December 23:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups will meet**
6:30pm: Bible Classes for grades 1st-5th
No Middle School or High School Remnant

Thursday, December 24:

- **The Secretary's office will be closed today.**
- **6:00pm Christmas Eve Service.** Tonight we light the Fifth Advent Candle, the Christ Candle. Welcome Lord Jesus...we've been waiting for you. May you all feel God's eternal presence today and forever. Thank you to the Sayler family for assisting with the candle lighting this evening. Our offering tonight has been designated to go to ATLAS.
Greeters tonight: E: Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma; C: Jim and Pauline Van Engen; W: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort and family

Friday, December 25:

- **Merry Christmas!! Church will be closed today.**

Sunday, December 27:

- **9:00am & 11:00am** We welcome Josh Lucas to the pulpit as he leads us in worship today.
- **No Children and Worship** today
- **No Sunday School**
- **No Coffee Fellowship at this time**
- **December 30: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**

Mark Your Calendars

- **January 3: 11:00 am Service Ordination and Installation of our newly elected Elders and Deacons.**
- **January 6: 6:30 pm/7:30 pm Remnant Youth Groups begin**
- **7:00 pm Christmas Decorations will be taken down. District 3 is in charge of this for the 2020 Christmas Season.**
- **January 10: Sunday School and Children and Worship begin**
- **January 13: Wednesday Night Bible Classes begin.**

News you Need to Know

Advent Food Collection Calendar. Sunday, December 27th will be the final day for the food collection. Please bring your advent collection boxes and add them to our tables. Thanks for your involvement in this project!

The 2021 FRC Directory is being worked on in the office. If you have had a change of address, phone or email since last January, please contact the office.

Closets have been cleaned!! There is now an assortment of pictures that have been placed on the tables by the mailboxes. All are free for the taking. Please take a look and give these pictures a new home. After Sunday, December 27th whatever is left, will be taken to New Beginnings. Thanks!



Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2020

Historically, the Christmas Eve service is well attended at First Reformed Sibley, for which we are thankful. Due to the current Pandemic Response, we will have reduced capacity seating in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, just like we currently have on Sunday Morning.

We will have extra room available in the Fellowship Hall as well as the Fireside Room to accommodate overflow issues. While we will have some overflow seating available, we are not sure it will be sufficient.

One option for larger family groups, may be to consider "Watch Parties", in their homes, of our Christmas Eve Service which is available on our YouTube channel.

Worship Ministry



Opportunities to Serve

Today is the last day to provide a meal for a family in Haiti for only \$30. **All donations should be written to Radiate Haiti Ministries and dropped off in the donation box on the Information Table or given directly to Kelsey or Papito no later than December 20, 2020.** For more details contact Kelsey or Elsson (Papito) Joseph.



HELP NEEDED! We will be taking down Christmas Decorations on **Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm**. Reminder that District 3 is in charge of the decorations for the 2020 Christmas Season. If you are not in District 3 but would still like to help, you are needed. Thanks in advance for your help!!



The Mailboxes Are Open!

To maintain social distancing, only one person at the mailboxes at a time please. The Fellowship Hall is still not open, only access to the mailboxes is available. If crowding becomes an issue at the boxes we may have to close them down again.

Thanks for your cooperation!!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brian and Chelsey Alexander on the birth of a son, Brysen Paul Alexander who was born on Thursday, December 10. Brysen has two sisters, Kimberlie and Riley to welcome him home.

Words of Thanks!

Thank you to the carolers who stopped by and sang for me. It was wonderful! May God bless you!!

~~Sheila Klaassen

It was great to hear such beautiful Christmas music from the wonderful group of carolers who stopped by my house. It helped make this Christmas season very special. Thank you also for the delicious bread. It was appreciated.

~~Gert Gaalswyk

Thank you to the carolers who stopped by the other night. Thank you also for the delicious pumpkin bread. It was all so very thoughtful. Merry Christmas!!

~~Kay Jansen

Thank you not only for the carols but also for the nice personal treats for each of us. What a nice holiday treat. Too bad you couldn't step in, but Covid rules say NO. Thanks again to all!

~~Judy Fleming (Heartwood Heights)

Thank you to the carolers that came to our home last week. I enjoyed seeing all ages taking part on such a beautiful December evening! The card and bread were so thoughtful too!

~~Lynn Schram

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 20	Next Week: December 27
Nursery:	Open but is unstaffed	Open but is unstaffed
Greeters:	E: Dr. Greg and Deb Kusters C: Marlin Roelfs W: Bob and Janice Groen	E: Arnie and Diane Langstraat C: Curt and Peg Van Kley W: Burt and Jan Henrichs
Library:	Pauline Van Engen	Leanne Van Kley
Coffee:	No Coffee Fellowship at this time	No Coffee Fellowship at this time

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on December 13, 2020: General Fund-\$8075; Benevolent Fund-\$1960; Bethany Christian Services-\$300; Village Northwest-\$100. Attendance: 1st-107 2nd-65.

Special offering for December is Bethany.

Sermon Notes:

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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:** Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Our nursing home residents:** 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 are fighting and recovering from Covid, recent surgeries, hospitalizations and illnesses.
- **Gary Leusink** remains in the Sioux Falls hospital. Please pray for healing for him and patience and comfort for his family.
- **Rhonda Henrichs and family** as Rhonda deals with her cancer. Pray for healing and comfort for Rhonda and peace for her family.
- **The family of Lawrence (Dutch) Kruger** as they mourn the loss of Dutch who passed away December 11.
- **The Dean and Amy Van Marel family** in the passing of Amy's father, Don Mastbergen, who passed Monday, December 19.

Prayers of Praise:

- **Ron Dykstra's test results came back and the cancer has not spread.** There is going to be further testing throughout the year and treatments but overall they received great news! Ron and Nancy would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, notes, and encouragements that they received during this time. Continue to pray that Ron will continue to make progress and that the treatments go well.
- **Thank you to all who prayed for me during my surgery** and most of all to Jesus who was with me every step of the way giving me a calm and peace that passes all understanding. The tumor was cancerous and doctors reported it was contained and my prognosis is very good. I was able to return home Sunday night and overall recovery is going well so far. ~~~Donna Kleinwolterink



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.



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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.