



DECEMBER 25, 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 - High School Band Students

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG: "IT'S CHRISTMAS" TOMLIN **SONG:** "LIGHT OF THE STABLE"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC: THE HULSTEIN GIRLS
NO CHILDREN AND WORSHIP TODAY

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 9:2-7 & 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

MESSAGE: INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER -- JOSH LUCAS

SONG: "BIRTHDAY OF A KING" #212

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "RING THE BELLS" #203

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 25:

- 9:00 am: Christmas Praise and Worship Service. This morning Pastor Troy
 will share his message, "The Indescribable Gift" based on Isaiah 9:2-7 & 2
 Corinthians 9:15. We thank the youth for providing us with our prelude this
 morning as well as Ashilyn, Karissa and Alexis Hulstein for their special music.
- No Children and Worship today
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- No Sunday School
- No Fellowship Bible Studies

Monday, December 26-Jan 1:

Pastor Troy will be on vacation

Tuesday, December 27:

- 8:30 am: Quilters will meet in the Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Middle School Lock-in begins

Wednesday, December 28:

- 8:00 am Middle School Lock-in finishes
- No Wednesday Night Activities--Christmas Break

Sunday, January 1:

- 9:00 am: Christmas Praise and Worship Service. This morning Josh will share his message, "The Light of Life" based on John 8:12-18
- No Children and Worship today
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- No Sunday School
- No Fellowship Bible Studies

Mark Your Calendars

January 4: No Wednesday Night Activities--Christmas Break

January 8: Installation and Ordination during morning service.

 Today we will also have the privilege of witnessing the Sacrament of Infant Baptism for Theodore John Van Diepen, son of Collin and Lexi Van Diepen.

January 13,20,27: FRC is responsible for BINGO at Sibley Specialty at 2:00.

Please sign up on the information center.

Future Notices:

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.



The Congregational Care Ministry Team invites everyone to a <u>Chili Feed on January 15 following Sunday School.</u> Chili, cinnamon rolls and hot dogs for the children will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean-up. Hope to see you there!!

News you Need to Know



Attention Middle School Students!! Mark your calendars for our annual Middle School Lock-in on December 27-28th. Please plan to join us from 7:00pm on the 27th to 7:00am on the 28th for a night of fun, food and fellowship! If you are a college student and are

interested in lending a hand with our Middle School lock-in, please contact Josh.



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.

Sermon Notes:

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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
- All those who have lost loved ones.
- Our Church as we seek God's will our future decisions
- Our Country and its Leaders.

In Our Prayers...

Pray For:

- **Loren Hulstein** underwent knee replacement surgery this past week. Pray for continued healing for him
- Rob Travaille, Jenny Weg and Chad Travaille's father, remains a
 patient in Sioux Falls but has made tremendous progress. Pray for
 continued healing for him.
- Prayers are being requested for Kay Jansen's brother, Bob. Bob has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for healing for Bob and patience as he awaits doctor's recommendations on treatments.
- All those who have had illnesses and surgeries and/or deal with health issues.

Words of Thanks

I feel so blessed to be a part of the church family here at FRC. I thank you all for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers through some difficult times, and now with my fall, surgery and recovery. Thank you also for the encouraging cards, visits, food and concern. My God is Faithful and He will see me through this! Like the song "God is in This Story", He is in control of my life. I need to wait on him for strength and on his timing.

~~Janelle Van Drunen

Sixteen years ago Harold was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and later, Lewy Body Dementia. Medications were helpful at first but the progression of the disease couldn't be stopped. Throughout those years we have felt your love and encouragement though special remembrances from the Wednesday Night and Sunday School classes, cards from the congregation, and communion offered. In Harold's passing our hearts have been touched by the outpouring of love - your thoughts and prayers, your words of comfort, the cards, memorial gifts and food - these have all been beautiful expressions of your sympathy and love. Pastor Troy, your words were personal and comforting. Mim Ernst your piano selections were some of Harold's favorites. Charlie and Brenda Kuhl, thank you for coordinating the service. Peg Van Kley and Work Group 6, thank you for all your extra efforts in providing and serving the funeral lunch.

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."~~1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

~~The Families of Harold Schram

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Ken Huls and Merlin and Karen Doorenbos and families on the passing of Ken and Karen's father, John Huls Jr. Service for John will be on Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 10:30 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Sibley. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 26 from 2-8pm with family present from 6-8pm at the Jurrens Funeral Home in Sibley. May God Comfort those who mourn.





Thank you for your generosity once again this year! You made Christmas bright for four families.

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on December 18: General-\$9605.73; Benevolent-\$210; Building-\$25; Bethany-\$130; Atlas-\$300; The Banquet-\$300.

Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services

Attendance Last Sunday: 164

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 25	Next Week: January 1
Nursery:	Anne and Kaylee Maxwell	Open but not staffed today
Greeters:	E: Gary and Jessa Wolter C: Renae Wolter W: Chris and Tiffany Wynia	E: Derek and Megan Ackerman/family C: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/family W: Kimberly Alsip/family
C&W Leader	No C&W due to Christmas Break	No C&W due to Christmas Break
Library:	Marcia Van Ruler	Alfreda Verdoorn
Coffee:	Ken and Wilma Loerts	Leona Meendering & Joanne Klaassen



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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