

# *Waiting for the Light*

*John 1:1-18, 9:5*



**DECEMBER 4, 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** - Karissa Hulstein

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**SONG:** "LIGHT OF THE WORLD" LAUREN DAIGLE

**SONG:** "GLORY LET THERE BE PEACE" MATT MAHER

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION/WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

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

**SCRIPTURE:** JOHN 1:1-18, 9:5

**MESSAGE:** WAITING FOR THE LIGHT

**SONG:** "I WONDER AS I WANDER" #210

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** -- STAN DE ZEEUW

**SONG:** "AWAY IN A MANGER" #213

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING:** "RING THE BELLS" #203

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, December 4

- **9:00 am Praise and Worship Service.** Today Josh will share a message on the topic "Waiting for the Light" based on John 1:1-18, 9:5. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir and Tony and Jamiey Bevers/family for helping with the lighting of the advent candle this morning.
- **10:10 am Sunday School for ages 3 - Adult & Coffee Fellowship**
- **10:10 am Discernment Meeting: Next Steps**
- **10:50-11:30 am Christmas Program Practice for 2nd-5th Grade Students**
- **6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies** will meet

### Monday, December 5:

- **Secretary's Office will be closed.** Office will instead be open on Tuesday.

### Tuesday, December 6:

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

### Wednesday, December 7:

- **6:30 pm: Discernment Meeting: Next Steps**
- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups will meet**
  - 6:30 pm: Christmas Program practice for 3 year olds-5th Grade
  - 6:30 pm: MS Remnant
  - 7:30 pm: HS Remnant
- **7:30pm Joyful Voices Choir** will practice

### 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. Today we also have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of infant baptism for Austyn Marie Weg, daughter of AJ and Jenny Weg.
- **10:10 am Sunday School for ages 3 - Adult and 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

## Mark Your Calendars

**December 12: 11:00 am Faith Bible Study** will meet at Heartwood Heights for their Christmas Salad Luncheon.

- **6:00 Elder/Deacon Meetings** (Newly elected Elders/Deacons are invited to attend)
- **7:00 Full Consistory will meet** (Newly elected Elders/Deacons are invited) (Meal provided by outgoing consistory members.)

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



**An Advent Devotional is now available** on our website for your use during this Advent season. The devotional can be found at: <https://www.sibleyfrfc.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.



### Program Practice Times:

Sunday, December 4: 10:50-11:30 am -- 2nd-5th grades  
 Wednesday, December 7: 6:30-7:30 pm -- 3 year olds-5th grade  
 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

Sibley First Presbyterian Church's monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen meal is being held on Saturday, December 10, at 6 p.m., in the church fellowship hall, one week earlier due to Christmas. Soups, sliders, appetizers, and Christmas goodies will be served. All are welcome! No charge or freewill offering.

## Sermon Notes:

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MESSAGE: *WAITING FOR LIGHT*



### ***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, Marlys Brink, and Harold Schram.
- **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** is continuing to make progress with her recovery as she remains at the Sanford Hospital in Sheldon. Please pray for continued healing for her.
- **Burt Henrichs** was unable to have his knee surgery this past week. Keep him and Jan in your prayers as they await rescheduling.
- **Brent Wassman** is scheduled to have his other knee replaced on Thursday, December 8 at Sanford in Sioux Falls. Please pray for a successful surgery for him without delays or complications.
- **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.**

## Words of Thanks

Your donation of supplies is a much appreciated asset for our daily operations at ATLAS and those we are here for. We are grateful! God Bless you all!

~~ATLAS Staff and Board

Thank you for the many cards, kind thoughts and prayers after my fall and injury. Thank you also for the many visits at the hospital and at home, I appreciated each and everyone! I am hoping by the end of December I am back to some normalcy!

~LeRoy DeBoer

## 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

**Offering for Thanksgiving Eve:** Benevolent-\$9454; RCA PIM-\$250.

**Offerings taken on November 27:** General-\$4444; Benevolent-\$115; Sharing Christmas Families-\$170;

**Special Offering for November was Sharing Christmas Families**

**Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services**

**Attendance Thanksgiving Eve: 115**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 185**

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: December 4</b>	<b>Next Week: December 11</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	Teresa Hurlburt & Chelsea Hulstein	Sarah and Brynna Loerts
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Dean and Amy Van Marel C: Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler W: Bryan Verdoorn	E: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn C: Roger Verdoorn W: Jena Ver Steeg/family
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Deb Kusters	Deb Kusters
<b>Library:</b>	Phyllis Vander Linden	Pauline Van Engen
<b>Coffee:</b>	Dwayne Heikes	Chris and Teresa Hurlburt



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\*\*\*Announcements are due by Wed. noon.  
\*\*\*Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors  
no earlier than Thursday at 2:00pm