

WAITING FOR LIGHT

John 1:1-18

John 9:5



DECEMBER 5, 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: Ger Van Diepen

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT HYMN, CANDLE LIGHTING, PRAYER

HYMN: "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL" #186 VS 1-4

HYMN: "HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING" #191

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED

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

ADVENT VIDEO

"PEACE"-- RESPONSIVE READING

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:1-18 & JOHN 9:5

MESSAGE: WAITING FOR LIGHT

COMMUNION

HYMN: "MARY DID YOU KNOW" KUTLESS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "RING THE BELLS" #203

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 5:

- **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 Rev. David Poppen to the pulpit to lead us in worship with the topic "Waiting for Light" based on the scripture John 1:1-18; John 9:5. During the service today, we will also be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We thank the Joyful Voices Choir for leading us in the Advent hymn and Burt and Jan Henrichs for lighting the Advent Candle this morning.

Tuesday, December 7:

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

Wednesday, December 8:

- **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 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.

Mark Your Calendars

December 13: 11:30 am Faith Bible Study Christmas Luncheon at Lynn Schram's home. Please bring a small salad to share.

December 14: 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)

December 15: 9:00 am Mothers Together will meet

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



Our Church has once again adopted 4 larger families for the Christmas Season. Families are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check which items you would be willing to provide for these families in need. All items will need to be wrapped, tagged with Family number and recipient (ex. Child age 1) and dropped off at church **no later than December 12th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity! Lets make these families' Christmas celebrations extra special this year.

Family #3

Adult Male: size 3XL Clothing
Gift Cards

Adult Female: size 2XL Clothing
Gift Cards

15 year old Girl: 3XL Shirts, Size 22 Pants,
Twin Bedding, Clothes

8 year old Girl: size 7/8 Shirts and Pants,
loves anything Unicorn

7 year old Girl: size 7/8 Shirts and Pants,
Toys and loves anything Mermaid

Family #4

Adult Male: size 2X, Shoe size 18.5
Adult Female: size 1XL Clothing, needs a
Coat, shoe size 10.5

2 year old Boy: enjoys Cars, Trucks & Books

4 year old Boy: enjoys Cars, Trucks & Books

6 year old Girl: size 7/8 Clothing
Baby Dolls, Peppa Pig, Coloring Books

7 year old Girl: size 7/8 Clothing
Ponies and Horses and Books

Family #7

Adult Female: size Large Clothing,
Grocery Gift card, Ankle socks, bath
towels, drinking glasses, Measuring
cups and candles.

Adult Female: size Medium clothing,
Bath and Body essentials, perfume,
candles, Gift card

17 year old Boy: size XL clothing,
Athletic socks, size 11 shoe, Solid col-
ored joggers, cologne, gift cards

14 year old Girl: size Medium cloth-
ing, shirts, Bath and Body essentials,
perfume, gift cards

Family #14

Adult Male: size Medium clothing

Adult Female: Medium clothing

7 year old Girl: size 8 clothing. Likes
Barbies doll clothes and books

5 year old Girl: size 5T clothing.
Likes Barbies doll clothes, and books

1.5 year old Boy: size 2T clothes
and would like educational toys and
books

DECEMBER 2021

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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.

Sibley's UMC Open Kitchen will be on Saturday, December 11th at 12p (noon). This month's menu is Christmas ham, roast beef, potatoes, carrots, salad, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and milk. This is a free meal and all are welcomed.

The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen Meal is being held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, one week early due to Christmas. Hot ham sliders, appetizers and Christmas goodies will be served. All are welcome! There is no charge or freewill offering.

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.

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.

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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.
- **Jodene Kruse** was able to return home from the hospital on November 24. Please pray for continued healing for her.
- **Brenda Wassman** underwent knee replacement surgery this past Monday and was able to return home Tuesday. Please pray for a quick recovery with minimal pain for her.
- **Keith Van Drunen** was unable to undergo the MRI this past week. Please pray for continued healing and strength for him.
- **Ron Dykstra** underwent tests on December 2 for his cancer treatment. Please pray for patience as they await results.
- **Our Pastoral Search Team** as they continue the search process.
- **Our Country and its Leaders.**

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:



Please take a moment to check the items wanted on the posters in the Fellowship Hall.

All items will need to be wrapped, tagged with family number and recipient (ex. Child age 1) and dropped off at church no later than December 12th.

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on Nov 24: General-\$1130; Benevolent-\$12,324; Building-\$500; Northwestern-\$150. Attendance: 90

Offerings taken on Nov 28: General-\$4190; Benevolent-\$85; Building-\$25; Sharing Christmas Families-\$280; Remnant-\$50.

Special Offering for November is Sharing Christmas Families

Special Offering for December is Bethany

Attendance Last Sunday: 203

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 5	Next Week: December 12
Nursery:	Open but unstaffed	Open but unstaffed
Greeters:	E: Brent and Brenda Wassman C: Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden W: Kody and Rachel Wills/family	E: LaVon Dykstra C: Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar W: Scott and Jamie Hulstein/family
C&W Leader	Jamie Hulstein	Deb Kusters
Library:	Janice Runia	Jen Schram
Coffee:	Harold and Luella Eggink	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