

Are You Hearing the Call?



Welcome to Worship!

DECEMBER 6, 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: "Joy To the World" pg. 194

Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" #218 vs 1,2,4,5

Congregational Prayer

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 4:18-22

MESSAGE: "ARE YOU HEARING THE CALL?"

HYMN: "JESUS IS CALLING" #375

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "RING THE BELLS" #203

11:00 am Open Door Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SONG: "GLORY" BY MATT MAHER

SONG: "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL BY CASTING CROWNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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SONG: "IT'S CHRISTMAS" BY CHRIS TOMLIN

BENEDICTION

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 6:

- **9:00am & 11:00am** Today we welcome LeRoy Eggink to the pulpit as he leads us in worship. His topic for the morning is "Are You Hearing the Call?" Today we light the Second Advent Candle, the candle of Peace. May we long for the arrival of the Prince of Peace! Thank you to the Weg family and the Harberts family for assisting with the candle lighting this morning.
- **9:00am & 11:00am Children and Worship** during the services
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **No Coffee Fellowship at this time**

Wednesday, December 9:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups will meet**
6:30pm: Bible Classes for grades 1st-5th
6:30 pm: MS Remnant Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room
7:00 pm: HS Remnant Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 13:

- **9:00am & 11:00am** We welcome Josh Lucas back to the pulpit as he leads us in worship today. This morning we light the Third Advent Candle, the candle of Joy. As you go out this week, bring the Joy of Christ to those you encounter. Thank you to Curt and Peg Van Kley and the Joseph family for assisting with the candle lighting this morning.
- **9:00am & 11:00am Children and Worship** during the services
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **No Coffee Fellowship at this time**

The mailboxes will be back open on Sunday!!

We ask that you please do not crowd around the boxes and remember to follow social distancing. 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!!



There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 6	Next Week: December 13
Nursery:	Open but is unstaffed	Open but is unstaffed
Greeters:	E: Dick & Marcia Oldenkamp C: Duane & Pam Vande Hoef W: Ron & Nancy Dykstra	E: Dave & Sandy Lamfers C: John & Lois Van Diepen W: Clint & Jamie Klaassen
Library:	Janice Runia	Jenny Schram
Coffee:	No Coffee Fellowship at this time	No Coffee Fellowship at this time

News you Need to Know

Advent Food Collection Calendar. We encourage you this Christmas to read each day's devotion and collect the food item for that day. By the time you get to Christmas you will have a full box of groceries to donate to someone who is in need. All donations can be dropped off at the church and will be delivered to the local food bank. Thanks for participating!! If you have any questions please contact Diane Langstraat. (Copies of the calendar can be found on the Information Table)

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.

FRC Offering Envelopes are being Prepared in the office for 2021. If you have never used offering envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know. Envelope users are given a tax receipt at the end of the year for tax purposes. If you are a current envelope user and wish to discontinue using them, please contact the office.

Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30pm. Please meet in the parking lot by 6:15. Social Distancing and Masks are encouraged. Please bring a light (Cancel, flashlight, phone)

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on November 29, 2020: General Fund-\$2535; Benevolent Fund-\$1000; Bethany \$500; Sharing Christmas Families-\$100.

Attendance: 1st-88 2nd-48.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Benevolent Fund-\$13,609.00 Attendance: 54.

Special offering for November is Sharing Christmas Families.

Special offering for December is Bethany.

Community Happenings & Events

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, December 8th from 4-6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. This month the food will again be boxed ahead of time and people will be asked to drive under the car port, stay in their cars, and the food will be loaded for them. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come.

USDA Food Boxes – As part of the Covid-19 response there will be another distribution of USDA Farmers to Families food boxes on Saturday, December 12 from 1 – 3 pm at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Drive in Sibley. Quite a few more boxes were ordered for this distribution so if anyone can use a box, please come and please help spread the word. If there are any updates due to weather or delivery times, it will be announced through KIWA.

The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen Meal is being held at Sibley First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 12, at 6 p.m., one week earlier due to Christmas. The menu is ham and pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, strawberry pretzel salad and Christmas cookies. Please drive until the church canopy. Your meal will be brought to your car, A maximum of 4 meals per car, please. There is no charge or freewill offering.



Our Church has once again adopted 4 larger families for the Christmas Season. Families are posted by the sanctuary. While all the items have been checked at least once, please don't let that stop you from checking an extra box for a gift you would be willing to give. 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 13th. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Thank you for making these families' Christmas celebrations just a little extra special this year.



Radiate Haiti Ministries

From Papito:

“Before I moved to the United States, I had no idea that during Christmas time people spend time with family and friends, have a meal together, exchange gifts, or even decide to feed or give gifts for families in need. I remember how things go in Haiti, where families who don't have an income, have no idea how they're going to sit around the table and have a meal together for Christmas.

*Our non profit, **Radiate Haiti Ministries**, dream is to try to reach out and show the love of Jesus Christ to individuals and families, but we can't do it without your prayers and support. With a donation of \$30 or more you can help a family to have a meal together for the holiday season.”*

For more details contact Kelsey or Elesson (Papito) Joseph.

Checks 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.

****All donations will be used to purchase food items to distribute to families in northern Haiti for the holiday season.**



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.

Sermon Notes

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In Our Prayers



If you have a pastoral need, please contact Harold Ernst (461-1361), Josh Lucas (559-417-9249), or your District Elder or Deacon. You may also contact the church office (754-2783) or Jamie's cell (260-7246) in 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
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Marlys Brink, Dutch Kruger, and Harold Schram.

Pray for 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

In Our Prayers



- Pray for all those who are recovering from Covid, recent surgeries, hospitalizations and illnesses.
- Gary Leusink remains in the Sioux Falls hospital and is making small improvements. Please pray for those improvements to continue.
- Melissa Langstraat's father, Phil Smith, as he has been able to return home from the hospital. He still has a long road ahead of him, but we praise God that he can be back in the comfort of his own home.
- The flowers in the front of church are in memory of Paul Feldkamp's mom, Diane Feldkamp who's funeral was Monday, November 30. Please keep Paul's family in your prayers
- The residents and workers at Country View Manor. Pray for all those who have been affected by Covid. Pray for healing for those who are sick and strength and peace for those who work with them.
- Ron Dykstra has been diagnosed with melanoma. Pray for patience for Ron and Nancy as they await test results.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone for the delicious bars that were donated to the school. They were very much appreciated.

~~The Employees at Sibley-Ocheyedan Community Schools

With Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to the Jason and Gina Jacobsma family in the passing of Gina's uncle, Art Van Riesen. Services were held Wednesday, November 25. May God comfort all those who mourn.

Our Sympathies are also extended to the family of Kevin and Nancy Soat in the passing of Nancy's mother, Inez Haken. Services were held Friday, December 4 in Little Rock. May God comfort the entire Haken family.



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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.***