



# COME GROW YOUR MINISTRY EXPERIENCE WITH AN ACTIVE AND INVOLVED CONGREGATION

## The First Presbyterian Church of Sibley

601 Sixth Avenue

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## Mission Statement:

“Inviting all people to celebrate Christ and reclaim strong Biblical Values.”



## EDUCATION

“I enjoy teaching a Bible class on current subjects every Sunday.”

*Denise Kuiper*

The First Presbyterian Church is located in Sibley, a county seat community, population 2,860, in the northwest corner of Iowa.

Blessed by God with some of the finest farmland anywhere, the region is known for its abundant corn and soybean crops, large poultry, dairy, beef cattle and hog operations and includes a strong work ethic of its people.

Along with a strong farming base, the region has a growing manufacturing industry that helps promote a strong economy.

Industry and Business: Hood Pkg., TimeWell Tiling Co., IDP, Merricks, Cooperative Energy Headquarters, REC, Osceola Regional Health Center.

Sibley has much to offer with an excellent K-12 school system, local clinic and hospital, beautiful parks, 9-hole golf course and a recently refurbished outdoor pool. Sibley has an excellent public library, high school academic, athletic, and fine arts programs as well as year around community events for the entire family.

Our main street includes a coffee shop, local bakery, two-screen movie theatre, steak house, hardware store and supermarket.



## BELIEFS

“Our strong ECO tenant beliefs.”

*Gary Christians*



## MUSIC

“I appreciate the value placed on music as part of worship!”

*Cindy Kemp*



## YOUTH MINISTRY

“We have a passion and solid program for our youth.”

*Youth Pastor Jordan Geffre*

Sioux City, IA and Sioux Falls, SD, are only a 75-minute drive and the Twin Cities can be reached in less than 4 hours.

More importantly, the beautiful Lake Okoboji region with its amusement park, great boating and water sports, maritime museum, free outdoor summer concerts, annual Bible and Missionary Conference, fine restaurants and more are all just 40 minutes east of Sibley.



Our community is known for its commitment to Christian principles. There are currently eight established churches and a new faith community recently planted in town. The local Osceola County Ministerial Association has gained regional acclaim for their cooperative live presentation of the Passion of Christ each Good Friday for more than 25 years with a cast of over 100.

The population is committed to community. We have an active Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, McCallum Museum and the home of the Osceola County Fair.

Parents of young children enjoy the fact that Sibley is a safe and fun place to raise families. There are many year-around programs for youth of all ages, and it is a safe place where kids can play and ride their bikes without fear.

# *This we believe.*

*Our beliefs are simple but “written in stone”.*

1. We adhere to the **Essential Tenets** of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
2. We acknowledge and worship the **one true God** - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - one in three persons.
3. We believe the **Bible** is the **inspired word** of God.

## **SIBLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE**

The First Presbyterian Church of Sibley congregation is alive and vibrant with a membership that includes numerous active participants of every age from pre-school to senior citizen. The church offers many programs and activities for both its members and the community.

These include:

- Regular worship every Sunday morning with the singing of hymns, (or music by our praise band the first Sunday of the month), scripture, sermon, and prayer.
- Weekly Sunday School for children and adults before Sunday worship. There are currently two adult classes and numerous classes for all age groups through high school.
- A fellowship hour after worship with refreshments provided by various member organizations of the church each week.



## WELCOMING

“First Presbyterian is a welcoming community and importance placed on teaching biblical principles.”

*Sandra Jenson*

- Three member-led weekly Bible studies including one for men Monday evenings, a Presbyterian-led interdenominational women’s Bible study Tuesday mornings and an Old Testament Bible studies Wednesday mornings. This group started with Genesis seven years ago and is currently in First Samuel.
- An exciting Wednesday night Awana youth program is under the direction of youth pastor Jordan Geffre and a dedicated group of parents. This new program is attracting both church youth and other youngsters from the community.
- Monthly meetings of the Presbyterian Women share Bible studies and fellowship.
- First Tuesday pizza bus trips to area communities for fun, food, devotions, conversation and the joy of Christian fellowship.
- Weekly confirmation classes.
- Special music by the church choir, small groups, or soloists during Sunday services.
- Special services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.



# active & involved





# *This we also believe.*

*What we count important. These are our values.*

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| 1. LIVE what we have learned, | 1. Guiding children toward Christ,          |
| 2. put SERVICE over self,     | 2. Proclaiming Biblical truths              |
| 3. be strong DISCIPLES, and   | 3. building a strong Community of faith and |
| 4. to GROW in our faith.      | 4. always expecting a God moment.           |



## MINISTRY

“I count it a privilege to be able to share in the children’s sermons.”

*Karey Julius*



## TRADITION

“We hear the Biblical truths we grew up with.”

*Roger and Marilyn Poppen*

## OUR PEOPLE REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

Some of our outreach programs are designed for existing church members as well as the community. Examples include:

- Summer Vacation Bible School program that attracts up to 40 participants from outside our membership as well as our own children. Many of the children have brought their families into our membership.
- Monthly Fishes and Loaves Saturday evening meals for anyone in the community hungry for food and fellowship. Although designed to be an outreach, those working in the kitchen have found it a great blessing in serving others.
- An annual free Thanksgiving meal served by our church to all who have nowhere to go or are alone that day. This past Thanksgiving, we served over 220 individuals.
- Our New Testament Fellowship Hall is made available each spring to the public high school junior/senior classes for their banquet that precedes their annual prom.
- Our Old Testament Hall is used regularly for various community meetings.
- Our annual fall First Presbyterian fellowship bus tour is open to anyone wanting to travel while enjoying Christian fellowship. We’ve visited the Creation Museum and Ark Experience in Kentucky, and last fall we went to the College of the Ozarks, established by a Presbyterian pastor, and then enjoyed the “Jesus” presentation at the Sight and Sound theatre in Branson, MO.

## WHO WE ARE

Our congregation can trace its roots back to May 27, 1885, when a committee of five pastors of the Sioux City Presbytery formally organized the First Presbyterian Church of Sibley, Iowa. The early church was mainly made up of German immigrants and the services and Sunday school, were all conducted in the German language. After it was decided that all Sunday School classes would be taught in English, regular church services continued to be in German. It is said, that for some years, there were more individuals attending the English language Sunday school than church.



In May of 1949, the official language of the congregation was declared to be English.

The Sibley Presbyterian community has continued to grow over the years. We moved from our first home; a wooden edifice bought from another denomination to our current brick building. It was remodeled and major additions were made two times – the most recent 20 years ago.

We are truly a family-oriented congregation. We work together, love and praise God together and volunteer our time and talent together. Our former pastor served us 20 years before retiring into the transitional ministry.

We are a church blessed with many capable volunteers with the talents to teach and serve our people as well as care for the physical needs of the structure. We are blessed with members who beautifully add to our worship by playing the organ, piano, guitar, trumpet, drums or with their voices.



## CARING

“Our church people care for each other and are a true family of believers.”

*Gilbert and Leann  
Greenfield*



## EDUCATION

“We offer Sunday School classes and Christian education for all ages.”

*Amos and Heather  
Kleinwolterink*

# OUR FINANCES AND OUR GIVING

First Presbyterian is well supported by the congregation, is debt free and is, in every need, strongly supported by our congregation.

Our mission outreach is strong both worldwide and local. One of our four monthly Sunday offerings goes to supporting missions with the largest donation going to Global Missionaries. Locally, we support ATLAS of Osceola County, camperships, Sibley’s Caring Christmas, the nearby Cherish House home for unwed mothers, Rise Ministries, Banquet of Sioux Falls and much more.

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CONGREGATION IN SEARCH OF A

# Shepherd

TO BE OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, PASTOR, BIBLE TEACHER AND COUNSELOR

