

God made you  
exactly who  
He wants you to be.



Seek Him  
with all your heart and  
become the best you!

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
**901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA**  
**Reverend David P. Poppen**  
**January 20, 2019**  
***JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!***

***WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!***

Prelude **Bonnie Poppen**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

**\*Praise Songs: Hymn #262 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"** screen

**"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"** screen

\*Invocation, the Lord's Prayer, Salutation

**Praise Team – "Holy Spirit"**

**Responsive Reading #629 "The Ten Commandments"**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**Special Music**

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Children's Sermon

**Hymn #400 "I Want to Be Like Jesus"**

(the general offering will be received)

***COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD!***

**Scripture – 2 Kings 6:1-7** (pg 578)

Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon – "Becoming God's Best Version of You:  
No Blacksmiths"**

Prayer of Blessing

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD!***

**Hymn #376 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

(the building & repair offering will be received)

\*Benediction

**\*Hymn #43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" chorus**

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Please remember in your prayers Kathy Beek** who continues to doctor for pain and arthritis; **Marcia Neely and Larry Salmon** as they continue their battles with cancer; **Mina Uittenbogaard** as she remains on hospice; and any others who need prayers or the encouragement of God.

**“Thank you** to all that participated in my scholarship blood drive! It was a great success. 40 people registered & 31 units of blood were collected. To put this in perspective, this has the ability to impact 93 lives. Also, I received the scholarship, & am so thankful for the outstanding support I continue to receive from my community back home. I would also like to extend my appreciation to those involved with the college boxes. These snacks & goodies are always a great reminder of the support I continue to receive from the church. What a great way to start the second semester of my sophomore year!” Dustin Fykstra

**“A big Thanks** to everyone who donated to the hat, glove & mitten tree for BH Elementary and Atlas. Also, thanks for the toiletries and paper products donated to Atlas. It was all greatly appreciated!” Ranae, Ginger and Wanda

**“Thank you so much** for all the hats, gloves and mittens for Boyden-Hull Elementary! There are many students who will benefit greatly from your generosity. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks again! Boyden-Hull Elementary

**“Thank Yous”** were received from the following organizations for the benevolent donations made by the Consistory: Inspiration Hills, Keystone Treatment Center, Bethany Christian Services, Hope Haven, Village Northwest Unlimited, Genesis House, Family Crisis Centers, Center for Financial Education, The Gospel Mission, Love INC and the Reformed Church in America for missionaries Seung & Amy Kim, Way Out Ministries and TenClay Refugee Care.

**Today is “National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.”** In 1983 President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation setting aside this day to focus on the intrinsic value of human life and the fundamental right to life. Please pray for The Alpha Center and all those they work with and support. “Every life deserves to be celebrated.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you are visiting today, WELCOME!** Be our guest! We welcome you to our worship experience. There is coffee available in the room off of the sanctuary and following the service in the fellowship basement. **Sunday School classes** are available for all ages! Following worship, the children meet in the fellowship basement and adults are invited to meet upstairs in Pastor Dave's office.

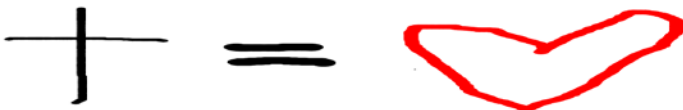
**Next week's worship** will continue with the series "Becoming God's Best Version of You" with a message entitled "The Iron Did Swim."

**Secret Sisters!** More forms are continuing to come in! We'll give it another week and then everyone who is participating will receive their Secret Sister info! If you have any questions or would like to participate, talk to Teresa Harms.

**Save the Date! Marriage Enrichment Conference** – There is a team of people from First Reformed Church in both Boyden and Rock Rapids who are preparing for a Friday night and Sunday event on March 29<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> here at Boyden First Reformed. Please set these dates aside to take part!

**The Consistory** has set a goal of 219 people in worship on Easter morning. We will be having breakfast prior to the Easter Service as well as some special things going on during the service. There is no way that this can happen unless YOU are willing to invite unchurched, under-churched and even "nones" to come and attend First Reformed. PLEASE BEGIN BY PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

**The Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary** will meet Monday, January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Boyden Legion Building. All members are encouraged to attend.





Dear members of the RCA,

The RCA is at a crossroads. As a denomination we are discerning God's will for our future. Any direction we take will involve great change. The Vision 2020 Team has been tasked by General Synod 2018 with prayerfully and effectively researching options for our future and presenting a preferred option to General Synod 2020. Our research must include (but not be limited to) the three scenarios suggested by General Synod 2018; staying together, significant reorganization and grace-filled separation.

We invite you to help us in this important moment by praying for the Vision 2020 Team; that we would hear the voice of the Spirit and that we would have strength and courage in our work. We also ask you to help us with our discernment by **sharing your thoughts about the future of the RCA in a brief survey and asking your congregation to do the same**. Our goal is to hear voices from every corner of the denomination through this survey, and we truly hope yours is one of them.

The on-line address of the survey is [www.tfaforms.com/4714458?rcid=C125904](http://www.tfaforms.com/4714458?rcid=C125904) or let Teresa know that you'd like to take the survey. She can forward the email to you that has the link to the survey.

**We will be collecting responses to the survey until January 31.**

Please consider taking a few minutes to offer your perspective on the future of the RCA before January 31. We also ask that you help us share this invitation with other RCA members, congregants, and colleagues. Each person brings important wisdom that we need to hear in order to get a complete picture of how the Spirit is speaking to the denomination.

Grace and peace to you in Jesus,

The Vision 2020 Team

## TODAY – January 20, 2019

8:40 AM – PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

3:00 PM – OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION MEETING

7:00 PM – RIDDER-CHURCHES LEARNING CHANGE

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

**USHERS:** Jason Fykstra & Ken Hoogendoorn

**TECHNICIANS:** Audio: Kevin Rosenboom

Video: Ben Harms

Powerpoint: Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Tamie Uittenbogaard

**COOKIES:** Tamie Uittenbogaard,  
LuEtta Heemskerk, LaVonne Sietstra

**NURSERY:** Joan Wiertzema

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Jan 21 – Martin Luther King Jr Day

Innerglow news due

Tue Jan 22 – The Art of Marriage Design Team

Meeting 5:30 pm

Wed Jan 23 – Awana – 6:15/6:30 pm

Youth Group – 6:30 pm

## NEXT SUNDAY – January 27, 2019

Praise Team practice – 8:30 am

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen – Lori Bolkema

Cookies – Lori Bolkema,  
Jeri Hoogendoorn, Sheryl Warntjes

Nursery – Lisa Nelson

**If you have a child** between the ages of 3 & 4 years old, you could qualify for a FREE center-based program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Head Start. Also, Early Head Start is taking applications for the FREE Resource Program serving pregnant women and children under the age of 3. For more information on either of these programs contact 1-800-859-2025.

**Inspiration Hills** – Summer Camp registration opens February 1<sup>st</sup>! This year's theme is from Isaiah 43:1 "Called By Name"! Watch for the display in the fellowship basement coming soon! There is also FREE on-line registration available this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades Winter Retreat is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. This theme for this retreat is ANCHOR from Hebrews 6:19. If you would like to request a scholarship for these programs, please register before February 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can visit their website [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org) for more info and to register.

**To begin a prayer chain** – You can either call Max Moret at 348-2929 or Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366.

### **2019 Consistory Executive Committee**

Vice President – Kathy Ver Meer  
Clerk – Rod Bolkema  
Assistant Clerk – Tom Reuvers  
Chair of Deacons – Jamie Koele  
Treasurer – Paul Moret  
Assistant Treasurer – Brad Van Roekel  
Building & Grounds – Alan Warntjes  
Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer  
Outreach & Assimilation – Bill Noack  
Mission Task Force – Marv Heemskerk  
Discipleship –

### **2019 Elders**

Rod Bolkema ('21)  
Marv Heemskerk ('21)  
Bill Noack ('20)  
Tom Reuvers ('20)  
Kathy Ver Meer ('19)

### **2019 Deacons**

Jamie Koele ('19)  
Paul Moret ('19)  
Roger Nelson ('21)  
Brad Van Roekel ('20)  
Alan Warntjes ('21)

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