

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in prayer, standing in front of a large cross. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a sun or light source behind the cross, creating a strong glow. The overall color palette is warm, consisting of various shades of brown and gold.

Becoming
God's best
version of you!

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Reverend David P. Poppen
January 27, 2019**

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

***Praise Songs: "Hosanna"** (screen)

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

"Your Name" (screen)

*Invocation, the Lord's Prayer, Salutation

Unison Reading – "To the Hills I Lift My Eyes" (insert pg 5)

Praise Team – "Holy Spirit (Breath of God)"

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #345 "Blessed Assurance"**

COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD!

**Scripture – 2 Kings 6:1-7 (pg 578); Luke 12:43-46
(pg 1618); Acts 20:32 (pg 1730)**

Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon – "Becoming God's Best Version of You:
The Iron Did Swim"**

Prayer of Blessing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD!

Hymn #486 "Faith Is the Victory"

(the general offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Hymn #345 "Blessed Assurance" chorus**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please continue to pray for Kathy Beek, Mina Uittenbogaard, Marcia Neely and Larry Salmon as they deal with their health issues. Please also remember others who need prayers or the encouragement of God.

A "Thank You" was received this week from the Union Gospel Mission for the benevolent donation made by the consistory.

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. The Adult Sunday School class is beginning a new study about alleviating hurt in missions. See page 6 in this bulletin for more info.

Next week's worship will continue with the series "Becoming God's Best Version of You" with a message entitled "God's Miracle Grow."

Next week we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please come back and partake of Communion so that the Lord can feed your spiritual soul!

2019 Directory Changes! Please make the following changes to the new directory: Josh Miller's wife Billie should be added to his entry; Alvin & Clarella Van Marel no longer have their PO Box. Their address is just 1113 E Prairie St, Boyden. Sorry! If you notice any other changes needed, please contact Teresa.

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!

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Secret Sisters! Your "Sister's" information should be in your mailbox! If you still would like to participate, it is never too late! Just talk to Teresa!

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 29th and March 31st here at Boyden First Reformed. On Friday, March 29th, we will begin at 6:00 pm and go until about 9:30 pm. On Sunday, March 31st, we will begin at 11:30 am with lunch and finish around 7:30 pm. There will be daycare provided. Please set these dates aside to take part!

Another Save the Date! On Wednesday, April 17th, Boyden First will host a Jews for Jesus event in our sanctuary. If you are interested in learning more about the relationship between Passover and the Lord's Supper, you will want to attend this event. More information will be shared in future bulletins.

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.

Love INC of Sioux County is proud to present "Love and Laugh" on Sat, Feb 9th at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. The doors for this dinner theater style event will open at 5pm to be followed by a catered meal at 5:30pm and an improvisational comedy show by Slap Happy Comedy at 7. Tickets to this event are an ideal Valentine's Day gift and can be purchased for \$30 a piece or you may reserve a complete table of 8 by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990.

Dordt College's Andreas Center will host song and modern-day hymn writer Sandra McCracken on Monday, February 4th as part of our First Mondays Speaker Series. This event includes a discussion at 11am entitled "A Song Writer's Journey through the Psalms" and then at 8pm is the concert, "Singing the Songs of Lament" ([Free Tickets via Eventbrite](#)) For more information, please see [Andreas Center Facebook Page](#).

UNISON READING

“To the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

**To the hills I lift my eyes;
Whence shall help for me arise?
From the Lord comes all my aid,
Who the heavens and earth has made.
He will guard through dangers all,
Will not let you slip or fall.
He who safe His people keeps
Never slumbers, never sleeps.**

**Your protector is the Lord;
Shade for you He will afford.
Neither sun nor moon shall smite;
God shall guard by day and night.
He will ever keep your soul;
What would harm He will control.
In the home and by the way
God will keep you day by day.**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

When Helping Hurts is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic about poverty alleviation and has sold over 225,000 copies. Now there is a stand-alone resource to introduce this paradigm in an accessible way. Rather than simply looking at the economics, it looks at the poverty of relationships between man and God, man and man, man and creation, and man and self. Utilizing free, online video lessons set both in Africa and the United States, the *Small Group Experience* is the ideal resource for small groups, Sunday School classes, parachurch and non-profit ministries, ministry training, and even individuals.

In six lessons, the concepts of *When Helping Hurts* are brought to the reader in a format that is perfect for training, discussion, and application. It is an ideal introduction to life-changing and offers the perfect context for engagement. The video provides questions and prompts for conversation, deeper learning, and acting.

Hope you can attend!



TODAY – January 27, 2019

8:40 AM – PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

3:00 PM – MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

USHERS: Jason Fykstra & Ken Hoogendoorn

TECHNICIANS: Audio: Kevin Rosenboom

Video: Tom Reuvers

Powerpoint: Jeff Neuman

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Lori Bolkema,
Jeri Hoogendoorn, Sheryl Warntjes

NURSERY: Lisa Nelson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Wed Jan 30 – Awana – 6:15/6:30 pm

Youth Group – 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – February 3, 2019

Praise Team practice – 8:40 am

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink

Cookies – Ranae Kleinwolterink,
Carla Starkenburg, Bonnie Poppen

Nursery – Bobby Reuvers

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity invites you to their "Love Your Neighbor" Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 13, from 5:00-7:00pm in the Hull Community Building. Free will donations will be received to help families in need achieve their own home. We would love to see you there!

Inspiration Hills – Summer Camp registration opens February 1st! 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 4th – 6th grades Winter Retreat is scheduled for February 15th & 16th. The 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 3rd. You can visit their website 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

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