

As you
draw nearer
to the **LORD**,
He will guide you
to become the
BEST VERSION
of yourself.

-M. Russell Ballard

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Reverend David P. Poppen
January 6, 2019**

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

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

***"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"** (screen)

*Invocation, the Lord's Prayer, Salutation

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Children's Sermon

Hymn #270 "Wonderful Words of Life"

(the general offering will be received)

COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD!

Scripture – Philippians 3:12-14 (pg 1829)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – "Becoming God's Best Version of You"

Prayer of Blessing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD!

Hymn #278 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(the mission offering will be received)

The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

(see insert pages 4-6)

*Benediction

***Hymn #247 "Spirit of the Living God"**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

“Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia! I appreciate that very much!!” Ruth Boender

Please continue to pray for those who are coping with health issues and will benefit from the strength, healing and blessings of God.

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.

Today we begin a series of messages under the title of “Becoming God’s Best Version of You.” We hope that you will enjoy this series!

The ordination and installation of new deacons and elders is today during our worship service. The men who the Lord and the congregation were led to lift to lead the church for the next number of years are Rod Bolkema, Marv Heemskerk & Tom Reuvers as elders; and Roger Nelson & Alan Warntjes as deacons. We ask that you spend some time in prayer for the consistory this week as they begin a new year together.

Ridder: Churches Learning Change will be meeting this evening at 7 pm in the fellowship basement.

Hat/Mitten/Scarf Tree – We will keep the tree up through this coming week. Thank you to everyone who has donated!! This year we will be dividing your donations between Atlas of Sioux County and Boyden-Hull Elementary. Also, Atlas has a need for paper products. They could use donations like toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. Questions – talk with Ranae K, Wanda S or Ginger VR.

Next week’s worship will continue with the series “Becoming God’s Best Version of You” with a message entitled “Don’t Let the River Take What You Pursued God For.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Awana!! We are back!! Awana will be starting again this coming Wed, Jan 9th. There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship basement for treats. Thanks everyone who signed up!!

In your mailboxes today is a tax statement regarding your offerings for the year of 2018. If you remember, we had reported at the beginning of last year that we would be keeping track of offerings received via check. These amounts were totaled and a statement regarding your donations has been put in your mailbox. Thank you so much for your contributions. Together we are creating a future for Boyden First Reformed!

Marriage Enrichment Conference – Planning is happening and there will soon be further announcements with the dates, times, and details. This event will be held in conjunction with leaders from Rock Rapids.

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS/DEACONS PRESENTATION

Leader – Beloved in the Lord, we have come to ordain and install elders and deacons in Christ's holy church. Christ alone is the source of all Christian ministry, through the ages calling men and women to serve.

People – **By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work. We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole. We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world.**

Leader – Following Christ's resurrection and ascension, God has given the church apostles, prophets and teachers, deeds of power, gifts of healing, forms of assistance and leadership.

ALL – WE STAND WITHIN A TRADITION WHERE GOD CALLS AND EMPOWERS DEACONS, ELDERS AND MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Leader – Deacons and elders are called to serve as Christ served. We look to them to be people of spiritual commitment, exemplary life, compassionate spirit and sound judgment.

People – **Deacons are set apart for a ministry of mercy, service and outreach. They gather gifts and offerings, care for them faithfully, and distribute them with wisdom and compassion to persons in need and for purposes that advance God's kingdom on earth. Deacons visit and comfort the distressed, provide for whatever necessities may arise, and assist the congregation at services of worship.**

Leader – Elders are set apart for a ministry of watchful and responsible care for the welfare and order of the church. They have oversight of all members, including one another, the deacons and the ministers, equipping everyone to live in harmony with God’s Word. They ensure the Word of God is rightly proclaimed and taught, and the sacraments faithfully administered. Elders assist the minister with their good counsel, and serve all Christians with advice, consolation and encouragement.

People – Elders and deacons, together with the minister, form the consistory to lead God’s people in proclaiming good news to the poor, righteousness to the nations, and peace among all. The consistory provides for the welfare of the church, stewardship of property and finance, and the spiritual benefit and growth of all Christ’s people.

Leader – As the three offices of deacon, elder and minister of Word and sacrament, are united in Christ, so also in the church one office is not separate from the others. The minister of Word and sacrament does not serve without the elder and neither without the deacon. Together they enable the whole mission of the church. Everything in the church will be done decently and in order when faithful persons are called to office, and responsibly fulfill their charge.

Leader – Brothers, before almighty God, and in the presence of this congregation, answer sincerely these questions:

Do you confess together with us and the church throughout the ages your faith in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Deacons/Elders – Yes, truly, with all my heart.

The presiding minister shall invite the congregation to stand:

Leader – Let us all stand with these brothers and sisters, confession our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

ALL: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

Leader – Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ’s church, and therefore by God, to this office?

Deacons/Elders – Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Leader – Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation, rejecting all contrary beliefs?

Deacons/Elders – Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Leader – Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Deacons/Elders – I will, and I ask God to help me.

Leader – Will you accept the church's order and governance, submitting to ecclesiastical discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

Deacons/Elders – I will, and I ask God to help me.

Leader – Will you be loyal to the witness and work of the Reformed Church in America, using all your abilities to further its Christian mission here and throughout the world?

Deacons/Elders – I will, and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister shall address the candidates for the Office of Deacon –

Leader – As deacons, will you faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully manifest Christ's love and care, gather and distribute the offerings of God's people, visit and comfort the distressed, minister to the poor and needy, and strive to advance God's reign of justice and peace?

Deacons – I will, and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister shall address the candidates for the Office of Elder –

Leader – As elders, will you faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully study God's Word, oversee the household of faith, encourage spiritual growth, maintain loving discipline, and provide for the proclamation of the gospel and the celebration of the sacraments?

Elders – I will, and I ask God to help me.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Leader – Members of First Reformed Church, please rise to affirm your covenant with the elders and deacons whom God has given us.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, these deacons and elders as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ? **People – We do.**

Leader – Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices for which they have been chosen and ordained? **People – We do.**

Leader – Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the Gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ? **People – We do.**

Leader – Beloved people of God receive these deacons and elders as Christ's own servants. Support them in love, that their work may bear fruit. In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that these brothers are duly installed deacons and elders in this church.

ALL – THANKS BE TO GOD.

TODAY – January 6, 2019

8:30 AM – PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

7:00 PM – RIDDER GROUP MEETING

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

USHERS: Jason Fykstra & Ken Hoogendoorn

TECHNICIANS: Audio: Jeff Neuman

Video: Bill Noack

Powerpoint: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Ginger Van Roekel

COOKIES: Ginger Van Roekel,
Lorinda Van Roekel, Andreah Maassen

NURSERY: Kaitlyn Rosenboom

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Jan 8 – Pastor Dave meeting with Rev Dan Hagar
& Rev Steve Den Haan at 11:45 am

Wed Jan 9 – Lydia Circle 9 am; LuEtta Heemskerk Leader
& Teresa Harms Hostess in the Fellowship basement
Esther Circle 1:30 pm – Clarella Van Marel Leader/Hostess
Awana – 6:15/6:30 pm
Youth Group – 6:30 pm

Thu Jan 10 – Elders'/Deacons' Meetings 7 pm
Consistory 8 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – January 13, 2019

Praise Team practice – 8:30 am

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen – Wanda Slykhuis

Cookies – Wanda Slykhuis,

Nel Warntjes, Misti Fykstra

Nursery – Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

The SHARE group for widows and widowers will meet on Thur, Jan 17th at noon at Homestead Commons in Hull. We will enjoy soup and rolls for lunch and ice cream bars for dessert. Following our meal, we will play bingo. You are invited to bring a small gift to exchange for prizes. Please call Deanna Tiedeman (712-439-2229) or Pastor Aaron Deutsch (605-742-4469) with any questions.

Work as Worship Conference – February 22, 2019 – Join thousands of Christian business professions and working men and women across the country for this 1-day livestream event! Guest speakers include Francis Chan, Jon Acuff, Helen Mitchell, Andrew Wexler, Megan Alexander, Jeffrey Wright, Steve Green, Chris Patton, and more to come! You can learn more at www.workasworshipretreat.org. If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please visit with Pastor Dave.

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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