



Thanksgiving



*Praise the LORD your God,
who is from everlasting to everlasting.*

NEHEMIAH 9:5 (NIV)

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
November 22, 2020**

*We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III and
thank him for leading us in worship!*

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!”
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

Prelude – **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

***Hymn #563 “Count Your Blessings”**

Hymn #560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Responsive Reading #1 (insert pg 5)

Hymn #206 “There Is a Redeemer”

Hymn #211 “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Congregational Responsive Reading #2 (insert pg 5-6)

***Hymn #103 “Blessed Be the Name”**

***Chorus #101 “His Name Is Wonderful”**

Pastoral Scripture Readings

Congregational Responsive Reading #3 (insert pg 6)

Hymn #121 “The Word Made Flesh”

Pastoral Reflection on Thankful Christians

Hymn #294 “Set My Soul Afire”

***Hymn #104 “King of Heaven, Lord Most High”**

***Hymn #105 “He Is Lord” (refrain only 2X)**

Postlude

*(those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thank you to everyone who filled an Operation Christmas Child shoebox! We pray for each child that will receive a box – that they and their families be blessed by our loving Lord!!

Sympathy wishes are extended to John Beek and his family for the loss of his sister Glenda Noordsy from Pella, IA. Please pray that the Lord grant them strength and peace during this difficult time.

Please continue to pray for Roxie Van Roekel. She is receiving therapy following surgery to repair her broken leg. Please pray for healing and strength for Roxie and grace for Norlan and her family as well.

We praise God that we are able to worship together this morning! We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III and thank him for leading us in worship! We are thankful that he and his family are well. We also must thank God that Pastor Stephen Breen and his wife Linda are recovering and doing well.

Dave & Vera Boender's new address – 2201 E Buffalo, Pierre, SD 57501. We wish them well in their new home; however, we will miss them very much and we thank God for the pleasure of having them as part of our congregational family!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please, if you are not feeling well or have been knowingly exposed to someone with Covid-19 in the past 14 days, you must not come to church and need to stay home.

Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn by everyone. If you do not have a mask, one can be provided.

The 2020 Congregational Meeting will be held this morning following worship. We welcome Pastor Bierly and thank him for his presence and guidance. The new 2020 Consistory officers will be chosen by lot. The nominations for the position of Elder are Jeff Neuman and Les Starkenburg. The nominations for the position of Deacon are Ken Hoogendoorn, David Mouw, Josh Mouw and Nic Rosenboom. The financial status of the church and various committee projects will also be discussed. Please stick around after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week Sunday, November 29th is the First Week of Advent. We welcome back Richard Schwanke and thank him for leading our worship service. If we have to cancel worship due to Covid-19, we will announce it through email and texts.

Boyden Awana and Youth Group are programs that are very dear to our hearts and that we hope to have starting after the first of the year. However, the health and safety of all participants must be ensured for these programs to be successful. That being said, we will let you know what the status is regarding these programs when we get closer to the beginning of the new year. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit with Ken Hoogendoorn, Brent & Shari Fedders, Kaitlyn Rosenboom or Teresa Harms. Please pray for these ministries.

Boyden Community Club - The festival of trees has been canceled for this year. It was a hard decision for the committee to make, but given the current situation they felt it best to cancel it for this year. We look forward to next year's event!

The SHARE group for widows and widowers will not meet in November or December due to continued concerns with COVID-19 cases in Sioux County. Pastor Aaron and Deanna will reevaluate the situation in January and hope our gatherings can begin again at that time. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Love INC is going to have a Giving Tree set up at M&H in Rock Valley and Pizza Ranch in Hull for our Heart of Christmas Event. Please take a heart off the tree, purchase the listed items and return them unwrapped to the tree by Monday, November 30th. These gifts will be used to bless families in our community with a gift bag filled with fun things for the kids and a food basket that will help them prepare a wonderful holiday meal.

Love INC's The Heart of Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 5th at Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Drive-up and be blessed with a gift bag full of fun kid-friendly things and a food basket to help you make a wonderful holiday meal. Register for this event by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990 before Wednesday, November 25th. You must register to participate!

Congregational Responsive Reading #1

Leader – “Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15). Jesus Christ is God’s wonderful Gift to us, and this Gift is beyond full description.

People – God is the first Giver, and He gave of Himself by giving us His Son.

Leader – His act of giving shows us how to give to one another.

People – “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor,”

Leader – “that you through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9) Then also 1 John 4:9-11, “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”

People – “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us”

Leader – “and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

People – “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Congregational Responsive Reading #2

Leader – Even though Jesus Christ is beyond full description, there have been attempts made at describing this indescribable Gift. Perhaps the most famous description of Christ appears in the *Creed of Chalcedon* (A.D. 451);

People – “We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Leader – “the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in Manhood; truly God and truly Man, of a reasonable [or rational] soul and body; consubstantial [or co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood;”

People – “in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead,”

Leader – “and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures,”

People – “unconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably;”

Leader – “the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence,
People – “not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;”

Leader – “as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us”
(Retrieved from “http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chalcedonian_Creed”). In summary,

People – Jesus Christ, God’s Gift, is both fully God and perfectly Human, but He exists as one Person with two distinct natures forever.

Leader - Many passages of Scripture teach these central Christological truths. Three of these texts are John 1, Colossians 1, and Hebrews 1. Jesus performed works that only God can do; He possessed titles (or names) and attributes that only God possesses, and He claimed to be God (for example, in John 10:30).

People – At the same time, Jesus experienced things that humans experience. He experienced thirst, hunger and even exhaustion.

Leader – He has a human body that is resurrected, never to die again. Truly, Jesus Christ is a Man (1 Timothy 2:5).

Congregational Responsive Reading #3

Leader – We should be thankful when we receive gifts.

People – We should be exceedingly thankful because we have received God’s indescribable Gift –

Leader – the Lord Jesus Christ.

People – As we are thankful, we will grow in our Christian experience, we will share Christ with others, and we will worship the Giver,

Leader – God the Father,

People – and the Gift,

Leader – God the Son.

A special Thanksgiving Service written for FRC Boyden by Rev. Dr. John Hartog III

Happy Thanksgiving!



TODAY – November 15, 2020

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

Congregational Meeting following worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Consistory Members

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Nov 23 – Innerglow News & Happiness Is due!

Thur Nov 26 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy your day and stay well!

NEXT SUNDAY – November 29, 2020

***We welcome back Richard Schwanke
to lead our worship service.***

***Please note that the Consistory is monitoring the safety of
in-person worship and will be making decisions on a
weekly basis. Any decisions will be communicated thru
email & text.***

Worship – 9:30 am

Sunday School – 10:35 am

Inspiration Hills news! Inspiration Hills is looking for a Full-Time year-round Buildings & Grounds Manager to supervise, coordinate and participate in maintenance and janitorial activities for the facilities and grounds. The applicant should be able to perform general electrical, construction, and have knowledge of basic tools and equipment. They are also looking for a Part-Time year-round Housekeeping Manager to delegate and perform the upkeep of the campus facilities. More details, benefits, and qualifications can be found at www.inspirationhills.org!

Also, December 18th & 19th Inspiration Hills will be hosting their Christmas Fundraiser with baked goods, fresh baked breads, prepared meals and frozen soups to go! Place your order by December 11th by visiting the website or calling 712-986-5193!

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

2020 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Steve Kleinwolterink

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

Assistant Clerk – Tom Reuvers

Chair of Deacons – Alan Warntjes

Treasurer – Brad Van Roekel

Assistant Treasurer – Arlys Van Nyhuis

Building & Grounds – Kevin Maassen

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Outreach & Assimilation – Bill Noack

Mission Task Force – Marv Heemskerk

Discipleship – Marv Heemskerk

2020 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('21)

Marv Heemskerk ('21)

Steve Kleinwolterink ('22)

Bill Noack ('20)

Tom Reuvers ('20)

2020 Deacons

Kevin Maassen ('22)

Roger Nelson ('21)

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