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**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
December 5, 2021**

***We welcome back Richard Schwanke and
thank him for leading our worship service!***

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting – Nic & Kaitlyn Rosenboom

Hymn #123 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Call to Worship

*Invocation, Lord's Prayer, Salutation

***Hymn #497 "Near to the Heart of God"**

Hymn #494 "Like a River Glorious"

(the general offering will be received)

COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture – Isaiah 40:3-5 (pg 1119)

John 1:1-8, 15-18 (pg 1645)

Sermon – "Messenger of Peace"

Prayer of Blessing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD!

Hymn #498 "Peace Like a River"

(the Missions offering will be received)

Joys & Concerns - Congregational Prayer

*Benediction

***Hymn #489 "Rejoice in the Lord Always"**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

This morning we welcome back Richard Schwanke and thank him for leading us in worship. Next Sunday we welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III.

Thank you to the consistory for the beautiful poinsettias that they delivered/are delivering. It is nice to be remembered and it adds lovely color to my home – from this year’s recipients.

Thank you to Nic & Kaitlyn Rosenboom for leading our Advent Reading and Candlelighting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Boyden First Reformed Church! We are happy you could join us this morning! Coffee and cookies are available in the room off of the sanctuary. Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. After worship please join us in the basement for a time of coffee and fellowship. There is Sunday School available for all ages. The children meet in the basement and the adults meet in the coffee room off of the sanctuary.

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. In preparation for this blessed Sacrament, we ask that you take some time for self-reflection to prepare yourself to come to the Lord’s table. We thank Jesus for this privilege and gift!

Ladies’ Daytime Bible Study – We WILL be having Bible Study this week Wednesday, December 8th at 1:30 pm. We are on Episode 3 of “The Chosen – “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” So please come to the Church Fellowship basement for a time of study and fellowship.

Secret Sisters! We will be having our Christmas Reveal party this coming Wednesday evening, December 8th at 7 pm. Join us in the Church Fellowship basement where we’ll play some games, have some goodies and reveal your Secret Sister!!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service! This year we are delighted to share that we will be having a Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24th at 6 pm. We will not have a pastor leading us, but will instead be sharing readings, singing of Christmas Carols, and showing a video from “The Chosen” series. It is a special Christmas story entitled “The Shepherd.” We hope you and your family can attend and be blessed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Book of Church Order requires publication of the names of the newly selected officers for the 2022 Consistory – **Elders Brent Fedders and Kathy Ver Meer and Deacons Chris Diekevers and Ken Hoogendoorn**. If anyone has a scriptural reason why these individuals should not be installed in their respective offices, please speak with one of the current elders.

Sweatpants and Leggings Tree – Please continue to place kid's size sweatpants or leggings in sizes 4-8 on the tree in the coffee room for the Boyden-Hull Elementary School. These can be new, pre-owned, clean sweatpants/leggings for boys and girls. **NO JEANS PLEASE!** Let's keep our kids warm this winter season! If you have any questions, please contact Ranae K, Ginger VR or Wanda S. Thank you!!

Inspiration Hills – This Christmas, order some of our delicious baked goods or soups to support our Summer Camp Scholarship fund! Orders are due December 6th and pickup is on December 10th or 11th. Join us for some refreshments when you pick up your order at the Main Lodge. Check out our delicious choices and order online at www.inspirationhills.org.

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is ready to get back to singing, and we would love to have you join us. In January, rehearsals will begin for Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, for a performance on Sat, April 30, 2022 in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm at Northwestern, beginning January 11. We encourage singers to be fully vaccinated or masked to minimize risk to all participants. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

Bible verse for the month of December – *"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9:6

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader – Advent is a time of waiting. We wait in hope.
(*The first candle is lit.*)

Reader – As we wait, we join the Spirit's work in spreading peace wherever our lives take us. And as peace spreads, so does Christ's light. Today, we light the candle of peace. As we wait, let us be people of peace.

(*The second candle is lit.*)



TODAY – DECEMBER 5, 2021

9:30 AM – WORSHIP
10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP
10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Paul Moret & Kevin Rosenboom

AUDIO: Jeff Neuman

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN & COOKIES: Lori Bolkema & Shari Fedders

NURSERY: Holly Starkenburg

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Wed Dec 8 – Ladies' Daytime Bible Study 1:30 pm
Episode 3 of "The Chosen" – church basement
Secret Sisters' Reveal Party 7 pm
Church fellowship basement

NEXT SUNDAY – December 12, 2021

***We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III to lead us
in worship.***

Worship – 9:30 am
Third Sunday of Advent
Communion
Fellowship – 10:35 am
Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen & Cookies – Lisa Nelson & Kayla Rosenboom
Nursery – Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

The Sheldon Recreational Trails Committee is hosting a Belgian waffle dinner on Mon, Dec. 6, from 4:30-7:00 p.m., at the Sheldon Community Building. Belgian waffles with assorted toppings, sausages and drinks will be served. The cost is \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. It is all you can eat and children ages 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at People's Bank. Proceeds will go to the Sheldon Recreational Trails.

The SHARE group for widows and widowers will meet on Thurs, Dec 16 at 12 NOON at St Paul Lutheran Church. We will enjoy a Christmas luncheon of hot ham & cheese sandwiches and sides. Following our meal, we will be treated to a musical program presented by Barby Schwarz of Middleburg. Consider bringing Christmas goodies for dessert and \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna (712-439-2229) with any questions.

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

2021 Consistory Executive Committee

- Vice President – Steve Kleinwolterink
- Clerk – Rod Bolkema
- Assistant Clerk – Les Starkenburg
- Chair of Deacons – Roger Nelson
- Treasurer – Arlys Van Nyhuis
- Assistant Treasurer – Josh Mouw
- Building & Grounds – Kevin Maassen
- Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer
- Outreach & Assimilation – Jeff Neuman
- Mission Task Force – Marv Heemskerk
- Discipleship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom

2021 Elders

- Rod Bolkema ('21)
- Marv Heemskerk ('21)
- Steve Kleinwolterink ('22)
- Jeff Neuman ('23)
- Les Starkenburg ('23)

2021 Deacons

- Kevin Maassen ('22)
- Josh Mouw ('23)
- Roger Nelson ('21)
- Arlys Van Nyhuis ('22)
- Alan Warntjes ('21)

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