



**Worship**  
**in the**  
**Park**

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
**901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA**  
**Pastor Heath De Jong**  
**September 17, 2023**

*“First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God  
in being a thriving community church!”*

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greet one another

Children’s Message

Sermon Title: **“Is it still ‘Today’?”**

**“The Solid Rock”** by *Reawaken Hymns*

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** by *Reawaken Hymns*

**“My Tribute”** by *Shanna Thompson*

**“My Hope is in You”** by *Aaron Shust*

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** by *Reawaken Hymns*

(the offering will be received during this hymn)

**“Faithful God”** by *I Am They*

Scripture Text: **Psalm 31:1-5, 23-24**

Congregational Prayer Time

Benediction

Closing Song **“Take the Name of Jesus With You”**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Sympathy wishes are extended to the Kooiker family** for the loss of little Kit Kooiker, grandson of Mike & Bev. Please pray that they feel the mercy and presence of our gracious Father in heaven during this difficult time. Our prayers and love are with you always.

**Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers** that helped make our first night of Boyden Awana such a success! "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:3

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Church has left the building!** We are so happy you could join us in the park this morning! You're invited to stick around after the service for food, fun and fellowship!

**Sunday School** will begin next Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Children ages 3 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet at the United Presbyterian Church. Singing time will be from 10:50 to 11 am – classes will be from 11 to 11:30 am. Kids in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through High School will meet here at Boyden FRC. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to visit with Brent Fedders or Wanda Brands.

**Can you help Awana?** We are asking for food donations for the suppers we serve each Wednesday night to the kids. You can bring any of the following to the church kitchen – ground beef, ground sausage, sliced turkey, bacon, eggs, large bags of French fries, hash browns and tater tots, frozen or cans of corn, frozen or cans of beans, frozen peas, any kind of "cream of" soups, beef & chicken broth, boxed stuffing mix, taco seasoning, brown gravy packets, chili mix, bags of baby carrots and bottles of ranch dressing. If you have any questions, please visit with Teresa H, Sheila H or Shauna N.

**The Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary** invites you to a Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed on Tues, Sept 26 at the Demco Community Center in Boyden. Serving is from 5-7 p.m. with carry outs available. The free-will offering will be used for Legion and Auxiliary projects.

**Guiding Star Baby Bottle Fundraiser!** Don't forget to get your filled bottle to the church by next Sunday! If you have any questions, please visit with Teresa.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Annual Justice for All Fall Clothing Drive** will be held **THIS WEEK** September 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. As it was in previous years, the church doors will be open that week from 8 am thru 5:30 pm and until 8 pm Weds the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in your gently used clothing, shoes and household items. If you fill a bag, please mark what it is. You can also bring in items that are torn/stained to be baled. Please put them in BLACK garbage bags. If you have any questions, you can talk to LaVonne Sietstra at 324-1384 or Teresa in the church office.

**The SHARE Group For widows and widowers** will meet on Thursday, September 21, at 6pm at St Paul Lutheran Church. The menu will be tacos hard/soft with chips, salsa and cheese. Dessert will be a surprise. The program will be Aiko Kamies on the dulcimer. Be sure to bring \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (712-439-2229) with any questions.

**Bible League** - Ligonier Teaching Fellow Derek Thomas is the keynote speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-State Bible Conference, 7pm Monday-Tuesday, Sept 25 & 26, 2023, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church (341 S. Main, Sioux Center). He will speak on "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Monday topics are "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" and "Experiencing the Holy Spirit." Tuesday evening, Dr. Thomas will address "The Holy Spirit and our Holiness," and then answer your questions. The conference includes hymn singing, book tables, refreshments, fellowship, and networking with other believers. Registration is appreciated ([www.tristatebibleconference.com](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com)) but not required. A freewill offering will be received.

**Tombstone Tour of Family Stories Hope Cemetery in Hull** – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> you can relive the lives of some Hull ancestors! Anyone is welcome to walk the tour – you need a reservation to ride on the trailer. Call 712-439-6993 or email [historicalsocietyhull@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyhull@gmail.com). Your \$12 donation will be used for museum expenses or \$25 will get you a year membership to the Hull Historical Society.

**Bible verse for the month of September** – "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7

## TODAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**Worship in the Park – 10:30 am**  
**Picnic following worship**

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Kevin & Konner Maassen

**AUDIO:** Jeff Neuman & Rick Polacek

Music & Worship/Outreach members and volunteers for the amazing food for the picnic!

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Sept 18 – Justice for All Clothing Drive

Doors open from 8 am – 5:30 pm

Tues Sept 19 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Justice for All Clothing Drive

Doors open from 8 am – 5:30 pm

Evening Ladies' Group 7 pm

Weds Sept 20 – Justice for All Clothing Drive

Doors open from 8 am – 8 pm

Ladies' Daytime Bible Study 1 pm

Leader Teresa H – Hostess LuEtta H

Awana - Supper from 6-6:30 pm / Program 6:30-8 pm

Thur Sept 21 – Justice for All Clothing Drive

Doors open from 8 am – 5:30 pm

Sat Sept 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Autumn!!

## NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Worship – 9:30 am - Building & Repair Offering

Children in Worship – Leader Sarah Breems-Diekevers,

Helper Rosie Diekevers

Fellowship – 10:35 am

**Sunday School begins!**

**Children 4<sup>th</sup> grade & younger meet at UP at 10:50 for sing-along & classes**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade thru HS meet at FRC at 10:45**

Kitchen: Ranae Kleinwolterink

Cookies: Jeri Hoogendoorn & Nel Warntjes

Nursery – Kaitlyn Rosenboom

**Hope Haven Talsma ATV & Horse Ride Benefit** –Bring your ATVs, side-by-sides, dirt bikes or horses and join Hope Haven for their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma’s Trail Park on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Talsma’s Trail Park is an ATV park located along the Missouri River in Southeast South Dakota. Trails range from easy to extreme, and include creek crossings, scenic river bluffs, open prairies, river bottom terrain and more. Don’t miss this fun opportunity to support Hope Haven International Ministries! Sign up today by visiting [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events).

**The Reformed Church in America Restructuring Team** will be having roundtable events this fall. The event in Iowa is scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon at the American Reformed Church in Orange City. This is open to everyone who is part of the RCA.

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

**2023 Consistory Executive Committee**

Vice President – Les Starkenburg

Clerk – Jeff Neuman

Assistant Clerk – Kathy Ver Meer

Chair of Deacons – Chris Diekevers

Treasurer – Josh Mouw

Assistant Treasurer – Paul Moret

Building & Grounds – Ken Hoogendoorn

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Outreach & Assimilation – Jeff Neuman

Mission Task Force – Brent Fedders

Discipleship – Brent Fedders

**2023 Elders**

Brent Fedders ('24)

Jeff Neuman ('23)

Kevin Rosenboom ('25)

Les Starkenburg ('23)

Kathy Ver Meer ('24)

**2023 Deacons**

Chris Diekevers ('24)

Ken Hoogendoorn ('24)

Paul Moret ('25)

Josh Mouw ('23)

Nic Rosenboom ('25)

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