

The text is centered on a dark blue background. The words 'GOD' and 'IS OUR' are in white and yellow respectively. 'REFUGE AND STRENGTH' is in white, and 'AN EVER-PRESENT' is in yellow. The text is framed by red, stylized wings or flames. A circular emblem with a cross is visible behind the word 'HELP'.

**GOD**  
**IS OUR**  
**REFUGE AND STRENGTH**  
**AN EVER-PRESENT**

**IN**  
**HELP**  
**IN**  
**Trouble**

**PSALMS 46:1**

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
Pastor Heath De Jong  
November 19, 2023**

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

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome / Announcements

\*Call to Worship

**\*Praise Song “My Help”** (video – Josh Baldwin)

\*Prayer

\*Greet one another

Children’s Message

**Children in Worship dismissed**

Sermon Title: **“Where does your help come from?”**

Scripture Text: **Psalm 46** (pg 885)

Prayers of Thanksgiving

**Hymn #56 “Day by Day”**

(the general and building & repair offerings will be received)

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn #601 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”  
(vs 2)**

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Thank you to all our Awana leaders and volunteers!** We have reached our time of Holiday Break! This program wouldn't be possible without all of you and the wonderful blessings you bring! Thank you to the parents that faithfully bring their kids to Awana each week! And thank you to the kids! They are the reason we celebrate this program – so they can “know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ!” Boyden Awana will begin again on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>! Have an awesome holiday season and we'll see you in January!!

*There is always, always, always something to be thankful for!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Boyden First Reformed Church!** We are so happy you could join us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. After worship please join us in the basement or the south entrance for a time of coffee, goodies and fellowship! Sunday School for elementary children is at the UP Church with sing-along beginning at 10:50 am and classes from 11 to 11:30 am. Junior High and High School meet here at FRC from 11 to 11:30.

**The 2023 Congregational Meeting** was held this past week. At the meeting, lots were drawn for the new 2024 Consistory members. For the office of Elder we have Rod Bolkema and Roger Nelson. For the office of Deacon we have David Mouw. As required by the Book of Church Order, we must publish the names of the newly chosen deacon and elders and ask if anyone has a scriptural reason why they should not be installed in their respective offices to speak with one of the elders. The consistory members who will be ending their time of service at the end of 2023 are Elders Jeff Neuman and Les Starkenburg and Deacon Josh Mouw. Thank you to these men for their service.

**Christmas Program!** There will be a Sunday School Christmas Eve program at the Boyden United Presbyterian Church. The children will be practicing for the program during their Sunday School time. This will be for children ages 3 and up who wish to participate. Assistance from volunteers is appreciated. If anyone is able to help out with this program, please visit Kari Moret, Wanda Brands or Laura Van Meeteren at the UP Church.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LifeWise Academy-Boyden and Hull** has grown to 140 students in grades 2-8! PTL!! If you would like your child to join us in December please sign them up at [lifewise.org/boydenhullia](http://lifewise.org/boydenhullia)! With this continued growth comes the need for additional classroom volunteer helpers. If you are interested in helping in this way please contact program director, Kelley Crawford at [kelleycrawford@lifewise.org](mailto:kelleycrawford@lifewise.org) or board member Pam Tiedeman at 712-541-9863. Thank you for your support!

**Love INC Rides of Love** transportation ministry is very busy! If you are willing to provide rides to people from our community to medical appointments, please contact Pat at 712-476-5990 for more info. You set your own schedule!!

**Save the Date! Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy** presents "A December to Remember" featuring Grammy and Dove award winner Nicole C. Mullen. The concert is at 7 pm Saturday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College in Sioux Center. General admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets are \$125 and include a meet & greet with Nicole! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.whispersoflhj.com](http://www.whispersoflhj.com). Funds raised from this event will be used to support Talitha Koum, the healing campus for WLHJ. The goal of the healing campus is to provide safety and normalcy for survivors of domestic violence and their families. For more info, check out their website listed above!

**Another Save the Date!** The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's *Requiem*, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning January 9. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

**Bible verse for the month of November** – "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5



**TODAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

10:35 AM - FELLOWSHIP

11 – 11:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> AT UP / 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> AT FRC

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!**

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Adam Schafer & Roger Schmith

**AUDIO:** Andrew Neuman

**VIDEO:** Jeff Neuman

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Lisa Nelson

**COOKIES:** Wanda Slykhuis & Jeri Hoogendoorn

**NURSERY:** Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** Sarah Breems-Diekevers &  
Kayla Rosenboom

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Mon Nov 20 – Innerglow news is due!

Tues Nov 21 – Men’s Group 5:30 am  
Evening Ladies’ Group 7 pm

Thur Nov 23 – Happy Thanksgiving!  
The church office is closed today!

**NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

***We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen!***

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11:00 am

Kitchen: Wanda Slykhuis

Cookies: Ranae Kleinwolterink & Nel Warntjes

Nursery – Kaitlyn Rosenboom

**Boyden Chili Bash & Festival of Trees – A Golden Christmas!** – All are invited to the annual Boyden Christmas Celebration to be held on Monday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at the Demco Community Center! NEW this year is the Boyden Bash Committee Meal. This meal will be \$5 per person with kids 13 and under eating FREE! The event will be from 5-7pm with the Chili Bash and Tree winners announced at 6:45 pm. As always, there will be a Christmas arrangement raffle, kids' crafts, coloring contest for both adults and children, voting for your favorite tree and chili, and Santa will be there!! If you wish to register a tree, please contact Jodi at 712-722-2386. If you wish to register your chili, please contact Alison at 712-348-6001. Deadlines are Thursday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>!

**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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