The image features a blue-toned illustration of Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a robe and gesturing with his right hand. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some standing and some kneeling or sitting on the ground. The background is a textured, brownish-gold color. Overlaid on the illustration is the title 'THE PARABLES OF JESUS' in a white, stylized, serif font. The word 'THE' is at the top, 'PARABLES' is in the middle, and 'OF JESUS' is at the bottom. A horizontal line separates 'PARABLES' from 'OF JESUS'.

THE
PARABLES
— OF —
JESUS

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
February 11, 2024**

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

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome / Announcements

*Call to Worship

***Hymn # 349 “Trust and Obey”**

*Opening Prayer

*Responsive Reading **#656 “Giving”**

***Praise Song “I Surrender All”** (video)

The Parables of Jesus

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

Hymn #372 “Living for Jesus” vs 1-3
(the general offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Closing Hymn #372 “Living for Jesus” vs 3**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

"Jack Slykhuis had surgery on Wednesday to remove an intestinal blockage caused by a gallstone. He is in Sanford Sioux Falls." Please include him in your prayers.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital; everyone who is recovering from surgery or illness; those who continue to fight for wellness; and their family and friends who are by their sides. Pray for our mighty Father's healing and strength to bless them. May they feel the comfort and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

Music & Worship Committee – We will be having a meeting tomorrow night, Mon Feb 12th, at 7 pm here at the church.

Parent/Teacher Conference Event – We are looking for some helpers to organize this outreach opportunity for our church and Boyden-Hull Elementary. We'd like to be able to get invites to the school before the end of February, and before we do that we need to make sure our ducks are in a row. So if you want to be a part of this fantastic opportunity to serve and are great at "herding ducks", please visit with Teresa or Pastor Heath. Let's "shine His light" to our local school and the families they serve!

2024 Church Directory – Teresa has been busy working on updating the church directory and combining the women's booklet for 2024. If you have any changes in your address, phone number or email, please let her know. Pictures are being taken off of social media unless you have a pic to share.

Bible verse for the month of February – "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." John 16:22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RCA Restructuring Team invites you to participate in a Virtual Roundtable Meeting/Discussion. The dates are Sat, Mar 2nd at 11am-1pm; Mon, Mar 4 at 7pm-9pm; Thur, Mar 7 at 10am-12 noon; and Fri, Mar 8 at 2pm-4pm. The team will share the recommendations they plan to bring to General Synod 2024. If you wish to attend one of these, please let Teresa know and she will email you the link.

LifeWise Academy Boyden and Hull has been blessed with another great month full of reminders of the need for all children to hear the good news of Jesus Christ! As we look toward a new month we ask that you pray for the students and volunteers. Many have experience loss and heartache in the last few months. We also ask that you share about LW with your friends and family! Registration is now open to begin classes March 5(2nd-6th) or 6(JH). Learn more or register at lifewise.org/boydenhullia

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. The next TEC is February 16-18, 2024. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Are you an adult but still want to be involved? We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit tristatetec.org for more information.

The SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet on Thurs, Feb 15, 2024 12 NOON, at Hull Pizza Ranch. You do not need reservations. Thank You

Mid-Sioux Opportunity – If you have a child between the ages of 3 & 4 years old, you may qualify for the FREE Head Start or Child Development Program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity. Early Head Start is currently taking applications for their FREE family support and resource program. Early Head Start serves expectant families and children up to the age of 3. For more information on these programs, you can call 800-859-2025.

The Parables of Jesus

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager (Luke 16)

1) People of the World (vs 1-8)

2) People of the Light (vs 9-12)

3) Who is your Master? (vs 13-15)

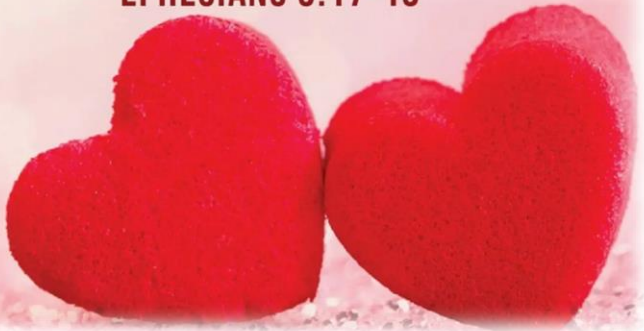
- The consequences of that choice..... (vs 19-31)

4) Be a river not a dam (Luke 18)

OUR FOREVER VALENTINE

**I PRAY THAT YOU,
BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE,
MAY HAVE POWER... TO GRASP
HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND
DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST,
AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE
THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE- THAT
YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE
OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.**

EPHESIANS 3:17-19



TODAY – FEBRUARY 11, 2024

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM - FELLOWSHIP

11 – 11:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st - 5TH AT UP / 6TH – 12TH AT FRC

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Ryan Reiser & Doug Van Roekel

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Wanda Slykhuis

COOKIES: Carla Starkenburg & Andreah Maassen

NURSERY: Lisa Nelson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Feb 12 – Music & Worship committee meeting 7 pm

Tues Feb 13 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Evening Ladies' Bible Study at parsonage at 7 pm

Elders' Mtg 6:30 pm; Deacons' Mtg 7 pm

Consistory 8 pm

Wed Feb 14 – ***Happy Valentine's Day!***

Ash Wednesday!

Ladies' Daytime Bible Study 1 pm

Leader & Hostess Teresa Harms

Awana – Meal 6pm; Program 6:30-8 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

Worship – 9:30 am

Building & Repair Offering

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Ranae Kleinwolverink

Cookies: Ranae Kleinwolverink & Joan Wiertzema

Nursery: Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

Children in Worship – Leader Kaitlyn Rosenboom

Helper Shayla Schmith

Come join us at the annual St. Mary's Activity Club Fish Supper on Friday February 16, at St. Mary's High School Cafeteria in Remsen. The menu includes those wonderful homemade salads and desserts, as well as fried and baked fish, corn, and cheesy potatoes. Serving will be from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. Carry outs & deliveries are available.

Wayfinder Workshop – Trinity Reformed Church of Orange City invites you to this event to be held on Tues, Feb 20th beginning at 7 pm. This workshop aims to teach participants “a new way of seeing, listening and speaking across differences while engaging the virtue of humility. You will leave with confidence, hope, and concrete practices to help you reengage some of your most challenging relationships in the Spirit of Christ.” This workshop will be led by Rev. Jess Shults, a Northwestern College alumni and a vital part of the Colossian Forum. This event is free and open to the public!

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

2024 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Kathy Ver Meer

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

Assistant Clerk – Kevin Rosenboom

Chair of Deacons – Chris Diekevers

Treasurer – Paul Moret

Assistant Treasurer – Nic Rosenboom

Building & Grounds – Ken Hoogendoorn & David Mouw

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

2024 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Brent Fedders ('24)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Kevin Rosenboom ('25)

Kathy Ver Meer ('24)

2024 Deacons

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