



*God's Hand*

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
**901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA**  
**Pastor Heath De Jong**  
**February 18, 2024**

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

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome / Announcements

\*Call to Worship (*Pastor, Congregation*)

*The heavens declare the glory of God;*

**The skies proclaim the work of His hands.**

*All creation joins in praising:*

**Great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

*Lightning and hail, snow and clouds,*

*Stormy winds that do His bidding,*

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,**

*Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,*

*Kings of the earth and all nations, princes & all rulers on earth*

**Young men and women, old men and children**

*Let them praise the name of the Lord,*

*For His name alone is exalted;*

**His splendor is above the earth and the heavens**

\*Salutation

\*Greet One Another

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession/**Hymn #58 “This Is My Father’s World”**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\***Hymn #626 “Doxology”**

***Children in Worship are dismissed***

Sermon Title: **“Seeking Justice for Creation with a ‘Praise the Lord, my soul’ sandwich”**

Scripture Text: **Psalm 104** (pg 940)

Prayers of the People

**Hymn #560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

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

\*Call to Discipleship

\*Benediction

\*Closing song **#606 “Grace, Love and Fellowship”**

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**We celebrate the birth of Ashtyn Jaymes Mouw**, daughter of Josh & Marissa Mouw! Proud grandparents are Dave & Laura Mouw. She joins big brother Collin and big sisters Aubrey and Grace! Thank you God for this precious little one!

**We thank God** for the healing and recovery from surgery of several members of our congregational family! Please pray for continued healing and progress in their health journeys. God is so good!

## **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.

**There will be a Bylaws group meeting** on tomorrow, Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm here at the church. Those invited to attend are past elders Ken Baartman, Sam Wiertzema, Marv Heemskerk, Mark Warntjes, Jack Slykhuis and Steve Kleinwolterink. If anyone else is interested in attending, please talk to one of these men or Pastor Heath.

**Parent/Teacher Conference Event** – We will be having a planning meeting this coming Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm here at the church. All are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please visit with Teresa or Pastor Heath.

**Ladies Night Out!!** It is time for another fun night! Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be going to Brady's Pub in Sheldon. We hear they have amazing burgers. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm if you wish to carpool! Sign up sheet in the basement!

**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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wayfinder Workshop** – Trinity Reformed Church of Orange City invites you to this event to be held on Tues, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Guiding Star Siouxland has received an incredible offer!**

The local Knights of Columbus Council #3810 has applied for and received a Matching Grant opportunity from the National Knights of Columbus. We are reaching out to local churches to assist us in raising \$15,000 that the National Knights of Columbus will MATCH IN ENTIRETY to provide Guiding Star Siouxland with a new ultrasound machine that will provide limited, first trimester ultrasounds for the purposes of determining gestational age, confirming an intrauterine pregnancy, and detecting a first trimester heartbeat. *This service is crucial to helping parents choose life for their unborn child.* Gifts can be made out to Knights of Columbus Council #3810 and mailed to: Financial Secretary, Council 3810; 4910 440th St; Granville, IA 51022  
Memo: Guiding Star Siouxland Ultrasound Grant.

**The RCA Restructuring Team** invites you to participate in a Virtual Roundtable Meeting/Discussion. The dates are Sat, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** Registration is now open to begin classes March 5(2nd-6th) or 6(JH). Learn more or register at [lifewise.org/boydenhullia](http://lifewise.org/boydenhullia)

**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

## TODAY – FEBRUARY 18, 2024

9:30 AM – 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:** Ryan Reiser & Doug Van Roekel

**AUDIO:** Andrew Neuman

**VIDEO:** Jeff Neuman

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Ranae Kleinwolterink

**COOKIES:** Ranae Kleinwolterink & Joan Wiertzema

**NURSERY:** Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** Leader Kaitlyn Rosenboom  
Helper Shayla Schmith

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Feb 19 – Happy Presidents’ Day!

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Bylaw committee meeting 7 pm

Tues Feb 20 – Men’s Group 5:30 am

Evening Ladies’ Bible Study at parsonage at 7 pm

Parent/Teacher Conference Event Planning Mtg 6:30 pm

Wed Feb 21 – Awana

Meal 6pm; Program 6:30-8 pm

## NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

***We welcome back Rev. Stephen Breen!***

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Sheryl Warntjes

Cookies: Shauna Neuman & Kathy Ver Meer

Nursery: Andreah Maassen

**Inspiration Hills Workshop "Digging Deeper"** - Sat March 16 | 8:30am - 4:00pm at Inspiration Hills - Register online at [inspirationhills.org/deep](https://inspirationhills.org/deep) - The purpose of this workshop is to help you learn the tools necessary for studying God's Word accurately and in a fulfilling way! Learn how to understand, interpret, and apply God's word through patience and prayer in a group setting so you can bring it home to your own personal quiet time. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$25 per person. Visit [inspirationhills.org/deep](https://inspirationhills.org/deep) to register for this event or learn more.

**You are invited to Guiding Star Siouxland's** annual fundraising gala on March 1st, 2024 beginning at 6:30pm. Come and be inspired by Keynote Speaker, Pam Tebow while supporting life-affirming healthcare in Siouxland! Register for this incredible evening at [guidingstarsiouxland.org](https://guidingstarsiouxland.org). Please email [kaleigh@guidingstarsiouxland.org](mailto:kaleigh@guidingstarsiouxland.org) or call 712-266-3282 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.

### **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**

Chris Diekevers ('24)

Ken Hoogendoorn ('24)

Paul Moret ('25)

David Mouw ('26)

Nic Rosenboom ('25)

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