

Ruth 2:8-13



Boaz talks to Ruth
for the first time

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
February 8, 2026**

*First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in
being a thriving community church.*

*We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III and thank him
for leading our worship this morning!*

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**
Welcome & Announcements

SINGING & READING

*Call to Worship **Psalm 29:2**
*Pastoral Prayer
***Hymn #410 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**
Hymn #204 "Rock of Ages"
Offering & Prayer
Responsive Reading #200 "God's Amazing Grace"
Hymn #435 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Hymn #199 "Arise, My Soul, Arise"
***Hymn #202 "Amazing Grace"**
Children in Worship dismissed

PREACHING

Sermon – **"You Have Come for Refuge"**
Scripture – **Ruth 2:8-13** (pg 413)

YIELDING & BLESSING

Prayer of Consecration
***Chorus #206 "There Is a Redeemer"**
*Benediction **Romans 15:5-6**
***Chorus #313 "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart"**
*Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

TODAY – FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Chris Diekevers & Doug Van Roekel

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lisa Nelson

COOKIES: Carla Starkenburg & Joan Wiertzema

NURSERY: Kayla Rosenboom

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Marissa Mouw
With Collin & Aubrey Mouw

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Feb 10 – Men's Group 5:30 am
Evening Ladies 7 pm
Elders' Mtg 6:30 pm / Deacons' Mtg 7 pm
Consistory 8 pm

Wed Feb 11 – Awana
Meal at 6 pm / Program 6:30 – 8 pm

Sat Feb 14 – *Happy Valentine's Day!*

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Worship – 9:30 am
Building & Repair Offering
Fellowship – 10:35 am
Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink
Cookies – Shauna Neuman & Kathy Ver Meer
Nursery – Lisa Nelson
Children in Worship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom
and Ella Diekevers

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sympathy wishes are extended to Steve and Ranae Kleinwolterink for the loss of his mother Marilyn Kleinwolterink. Please lift them up in prayer and shower them with love and blessings from their church family.

Please continue to include in your prayers Bev Kooiker, Cindy Warntjes and any other friends and family in recovery or health battles. May they feel the strength and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ beside them each and every day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! We are delighted you are joining us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. Children-in-Worship will begin prior to the sermon. Please watch for the slide on this morning's Powerpoint. After worship, please join us in the basement or the south entrance for a time of coffee and fellowship. Sunday School for adults meets in the room off the sanctuary and for children in the church basement.

Updates to directory! The new directory is still in process. If you have any changes to your contact info or have a photo you'd like to have used, please share it with Teresa H at tharms@frcboyden.com.

Secret Sister Ministry – It has been decided that this year will be a year of rest for this ministry. We hope to start anew, stronger and grace-filled, in 2027. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Teresa H.

Scam Messages! Unfortunately, this seems to be a continuing issue. There are several people in our congregation who have been contacted via email or phone (calls or texts) claiming to be Pastor Heath and asking for their assistance. Ultimately, the "assistance" they are asking for leads to requests for Visa gift cards. Please know that neither Pastor Heath nor the church will ever ask for money or Visa gift cards through email or your phone. You must delete these messages and not respond to them. You may call Teresa H at the church and let her know if you receive messages like these so she can send an alert to everyone. We are so sorry for the confusion and concern caused by these events. When in doubt, contact the church!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral letter of support and lament for immigrants and refugees – The Reformed Church in America has written a letter after a joint meeting of the racial and ethnic councils. Rev. Eddy Aleman, General Secretary of the RCA, sent an email with a link to the letter. You can also find the letter at www.rca.org/pastoral-letter-of-support-and-lament-for-immigrants-and-refugees/. (If you'd like the email forwarded to you, please let Teresa H know.) Here is what Rev. Aleman shared in the email – "I encourage you to read it (the letter) on the RCA's website, to join us in fervent prayer, and to take at least one action step. Our collective witness is both a testimony to the radical welcome of the Gospel and a call to action for the whole church."

Hope Haven's "Keys of Love" Dueling Piano Fundraiser – Fri Feb 13th – 7 pm – The District, Sioux Falls, SD – Join us for a fun night of music and entertainment with Dueling Duo, Andy & Ryno. All proceeds support Hope Haven International Ministries in providing wheelchairs to those in need around the world. Tickets and details at hopehaven.org/events.

Bible verse for February – "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13

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More Announcements

Tri-State TEC at 1st Reformed Church Rock Rapids – Feb 13-15 - www.TriStateTEC.org

Community Health Partners Diabetes Prevention Class – Thurs starting Feb 19th; “KEYS to Dementia Prevention Tues starting Mar 3rd – chp@siouxcountychn.org

Remsen St Mary’s Fish Supper – Fri Feb 20, 4:30 to 6:45 pm at St Mary’s High School Cafeteria, Remsen

Guiding Star Siouland Gala Fundraiser – Fri Mar 6th at Prairie Winds Event Ctr, Orange City

“Celebrating Marriage” Workshop – First CRC Youth Bldg 7-8:30 pm – Free to all – register by 3/1

Love INC Spring Share Event – Sat Mar 28th at Prairieview Event Ctr, Rock Valley

Awakening Grace Gala – Fri Apr 10th at Prairie Winds Event Ctr, Orange City

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

2026 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Roger Nelson

Clerk – Carla Starkenburg

Assistant Clerk – Alan Warntjes

Chair of Deacons – David Mouw

Treasurer – Colin Bolkema

Assistant Treasurer – Adam Schafer

Building & Grounds – Jon Huls & Rick Polacek

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact – Wendy De Jong & Nic Rosenboom

Discipleship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Marissa Mouw

2026 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Josh Mouw ('28)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Carla Starkenburg ('27)

Alan Warntjes ('27)

2026 Deacons

Colin Bolkema ('27)

Jon Huls ('27)

David Mouw ('26)

Rick Polacek ('28)

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