



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
Pastor Heath De Jong  
March 29, 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 us in worship this morning!***

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**  
Welcome & Announcements

**SINGING & READING**

\*Call to Worship **Psalm 24:7-8**

\*Pastoral Prayer

Announcement and Exhortation by an Elder

Children Celebrate Palm Sunday with Palm Branches and Singing

**Hymn #171 "Come and Praise the Lord Our King"**

Offering & Prayer

**Hymn #172 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"**

Responsive Scripture Reading – Matthew 21:1-11 (congregation  
reading the even verses)

**Hymn #173 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"**

**Hymn #174 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**PREACHING**

**Sermon – "Who Is This?" (Matthew 21:1-11)**

**YIELDING & BLESSING**

Prayer of Consecration

**\*Hymn #175 "Hallelujah, What a Savior!"**

**\*Benediction Psalm 24:9-10 + 2 Corinthians 13:11**

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## TODAY – MARCH 29, 2026

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

**USHERS:** Chris Starkenburg & Heath Warntjes

**AUDIO:** Jeff Neuman

**VIDEO:** Cheyenne Neuman

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Wanda Slykhuis

**COOKIES:** Wanda Slykhuis & Nel Warntjes

**NURSERY:** Lisa Nelson

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** Kaitlyn Rosenboom  
Ella Diekevers

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Mar 31 – Men's Group 5:30 am  
Evening Ladies 7 pm

Thu Apr 2 – Maundy Thursday  
Meal at 6:30 pm / Worship to follow  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Fri Apr 3 – Good Friday  
Worship at 7 pm at Boyden UP Church

## NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2026

***Easter Sunday!!***

**Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 am**

Worship – 10 am

Missions Offering

Kitchen – Sheryl Warntjes

Cookies – Sheryl Warntjes & Jeri Hoogendoorn

Nursery – Kirstin Huls

## Scriptures for Today

Call to Worship – **Psalm 24:7-8** “Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.”

Responsive Reading – **Matthew 21:1-11** – Pastor odd verses, **congregation even verses** –

**1** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

**2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.”**

**3** “If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

**4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:**

**5** “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

**6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.**

**7** They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

**8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.**

**9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

**10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”**

**11** The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Benediction – **Psalm 24:9-10** “Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is He, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – He is the King of glory.”

**2 Corinthians 13:11** “Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

## **Lyrics to “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
Glory, Hallelujah  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
Glory, Hallelujah  
Jesus, the Prince of Peace  
Glory, Hallelujah  
Jesus, the Prince of Peace  
Glory, Hallelujah

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Sympathy wishes** are extended to the friends and family of Gert De Groot. Her funeral was this past week. Please include them in your prayers that our merciful Savior bless them with comfort and peace during this difficult time.

**"We want to thank** Awana and others who contributed to the gift that they gave us. We are amazed at how God blesses us through His people. Thank you!" Mary & Brian Schafer

## **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.

**Consistory Announcement** – Due to the recent circumstances with the weather and cancelling the 3/15/26 AM worship service, the special congregational meeting has been rescheduled in order to comply with the Book of Church Order in regards to the purpose of the meeting. The meeting will now be held on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 PM in the basement of the church. This is due to meet the requirement of publishing and announcing the intent of the meeting according to the BCO. This is in reference to the continued denominational conversations that have taken place. All members of FRC are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Easter Sunday breakfast** will be served from 8:30-9:30 am Easter morning (Sun Apr 5<sup>th</sup>). We will have egg bake and are asking for donations of muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc. A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen. A free-will offering will be taken and divided equally between the building & repair fund and the mission fund. Worship will begin at 10 am Easter morning.

**Omelet Breakfast** - Make plans to attend the Omelet breakfast on April 11 from 7:30-10:30 at the Demco Center! Free will donation with all proceeds going to First Steps Academy.

**Ushers for April** are Ken Hoogendoorn and Jeff Neuman.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Devotionals** – In the back of the sanctuary by the exits there are a limited number of devotional booklets for Holy Week. You are welcome to take one, while supplies last!

**Join us at RiseFest 2026 on June 12–13!** Don't miss the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in Northwest Iowa! This year's lineup includes Phil Wickham, Josiah Queen, Hulvey, Ben Fuller, Katy Nichole, Terrian, Allison Eide, Warren Peay and more! Tickets include two fun-filled days of worship, community, seminars, food, camping, and activities for all ages. Get tickets today at [risefestiowa.com](http://risefestiowa.com).

**Bible verse for March** – “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday** – Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meal at 6:30 pm – Worship following meal - Holy Communion

**Good Friday** – Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm at United Presbyterian Church

**Easter Sunday!** – Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – breakfast served from 8:30 am thru 9:30 am with worship services beginning at 10 am

*Easter Breakfast*



## **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Habitat for Humanity Sponsor a Stud** - \$100 for 2X4 stud to decorate with Bible verses & prayers – sign up by Apr 8<sup>th</sup>

**Awakening Grace "Healing Rain" Gala** – Fri Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at Prairie Winds Event Ctr in Orange City

**Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet** – Mon Apr 13<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Christian Ref Church, Rock Valley – 6 pm

**SHARE group for widows & widowers** – Thur Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am at Hull Pizza Ranch

**Sioux Cty Oratorio Chorus** – Handel's *Messiah* – Sat Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College – Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$5 for students

**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)

Adam Schafer ('28)

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