



THE GOOD
& BEAUTIFUL

Life

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
April 12, 2026

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

*We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen and thank him
for leading us in worship!*

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn #30 "How Majestic Is Your Name"

Hymn #228 "Rejoice the Lord is King"
(offering & offertory prayer)

Responsive Reading **#659 "Salvation by Grace"**

Praise Song "Shout to the Lord" (video)

Children in Worship dismissed

Scripture: **Romans 1:18-32** (pg 1747)

Sermon: **"The Good and Beautiful Life"**

Prayer

Praise Song "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" (video)

Benediction

Hymn #513 "O, How He Loves You and Me"

Postlude

TODAY – APRIL 12, 2026

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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Ken Hoogendoorn & Jeff Neuman

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Lori Bolkema & Holly Starkenburg

NURSERY: Kayla Rosenboom

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Kaitlyn Rosenboom
and Karri Schafer

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Pastor Heath & Wendy are in South America. They will be returning the middle of this week.

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

Deacons' mtg 6:30 pm / Elders' Mtg 7 pm
Consistory 8 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 19, 2026

We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III

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

Kitchen – Lisa Nelson
Cookies – Sarah Breems-Diekevers & Kayla Rosenboom
Nursery – Sarah Breems-Diekevers
Children in Worship – Kayla Rosenboom &
Collin & Aubrey Mouw



NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

- **Middle & Senior High groups**, would you be interested in hanging out with New Roots Ministry for several hours on a Saturday, eating an interesting meal in a restaurant owned by people of a different ethnicity than yours, helping in a store owned by a former immigrant, and possibly doing some street outreach? To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.
- **Adults**, would up to 12 of you be interested in hanging out with New Roots Ministry for a few hours on a weekday afternoon, to eat some interesting, good food, to interact with and hear life-stories and -perspectives of former refugees and immigrants, and to shop in their stores? To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.
- **Experienced drivers**, we may have a need for you. New Roots Ministry offers driver training for immigrant adults. For safety, braking tools, signs highlighting "student driver," and instruction are provided. As well, students provide an insured car. You can make new, appreciative friends, and it's a great opportunity to pray with, and share faith with, others. Possibly interested? Email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com. (If you live too far from Sioux Falls to help, but you think this ministry idea may be good for your community and church, please inquire.)
- **Jesus-followers**, join New Roots Ministry on a Saturday between May--September for a 5-hour session of Everyday-Ambassador Practicum. Through fun classroom and hands-on practice, learn to effectively share God's good news with others. Read about this at <http://sfnewroots.com/our-ministries>, or inquire more by emailing sfnewroots@gmail.com.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thank you to everyone who attended the special congregation meeting this past Monday. Thank you to the consistory members for all their work and discernment. Please be in prayer for Boyden First Reformed Church and its leadership.

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 the children meets in the church basement.

Ushers are still needed for a few months in the upcoming year. There is one usher needed for July, two for August, and one for December. Please visit with Deacon Dave Mouw if you are able to fill one of these needs. Thank you!!

Wanted! Pics and updates for the Church Directory! Get them to Teresa H at tharms@frcboyden.com!

Mark Your Calendars! Boyden Vacation Bible School registration will begin in May! This year's "Day Camp" with Ingham Okoboji at St John's Lutheran Church will be held August 3 - 6, 12:30 thru 5 pm. All children between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade are eligible to attend. Watch for more info in the coming months!

Inspiration Hills Save the Date! – Volunteer work days are May 1-2 – Help get them ready for the season! From trail work and firewood to painting and garden prep, there's a job for everyone! Meals and snacks are provided. Bring gloves and tools you think could be useful. Overnight stay is available (freewill donation). To sign yourself or a group up, call 712-986-5193 or email ihills@inspirationhills.org. Watch for the schedule in the May Innerglow!

Bible verse for April – "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live."
John 14:18-19

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet – Mon
Apr 13th, Trinity Christian Ref Church, Rock Valley – 6 pm

SHARE group for widows & widowers – Thur Apr 16th
11:30 am at Hull Pizza Ranch

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

Risefest – June 12 & 13 – risefestiowa.com

Boyden Bash – June 25-28 – So many good & fun things for
the whole family! – Community Worship Sun June 28th

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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