



# HE IS RISEN

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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

He has delivered us from the power of darkness.

COLOSSIANS 1:13 (NKJV)

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
**901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA**  
**Pastor Heath De Jong**  
**April 5, 2026**

# ***Happy Easter!***

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

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship **#214 "He is Risen! Alleluia!**

**Hymn #216 "Christ Arose"**

(the general and mission offerings will be collected)

Pass the Easter Peace

**Hymn #229 "Our God Reigns"**

Children's Message

Sermon Title: **"Raised to New Life"**

Scripture Text: **John 20:1-18** (pg 1685)

**Acts 10:34-43** (pg 1710)

**Psalms 30:1-5, 10-12** (pg 867)

Special Music **"Rise Again" by Backyard Singers**

Blessing of God's People

Closing Song **"Alleluia! He is Coming!" by Backyard Singers**

Postlude

**TODAY – APRIL 5, 2026**

8:30 - 9:30 AM – BREAKFAST  
10:00 AM - WORSHIP

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!**

**USHERS:** Ken Hoogendoorn & Jeff Neuman

**AUDIO:** The

**VIDEO:** Neuman

**POWERPOINT:** Family!

**KITCHEN:**

**COOKIES:**

**NURSERY:** Kirstin Huls

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Mon Apr 6 – Special Congregational Meeting 7 pm**  
**Church fellowship basement**

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

Pastor Heath & Wendy leave for South America

**NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2026**

***We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen!***

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 10:45 am

Kitchen – Lori Bolkema

Cookies – Lori Bolkema & Holly Starkenburg

Nursery – Kayla Rosenboom

Children in Worship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom &  
Karri Schafer

**Sermon Title:** “Raised to New Life”

**Scripture Text:** John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12

**Introduction**

“Tell me what you’re going to tell me”—John 20:1-18

“Good news”!!

**Easter ham-n-potatoes**

“Tell me”—Acts 10:34-43

“Good news” tells us:

\*Open your mouth (vs 34a)

\*God is impartial (vs 34b)

\*“in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him” (vs 35)

\*Peace is found in a person (Jesus Christ) not in a religion or traditions (vs 36-37)

\*No more “know of Jesus”....we can now KNOW Jesus (vs 38)

\*When we KNOW Jesus we receive the same:

\*“Holy Spirit anointing”

\*“Power”

\*“doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil”

\*Witness to the next generation (vs 39-41)

\*Preach it and testify to it (vs 42)

\*“that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” (vs 43)

**Conclusion**

“Tell me what you just told me”—Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12

“Whom are you seeking?”

“Woman why are you weeping?”

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Thank you** to everyone for the sympathy wishes, cards and kind words for the loss of our mother. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. The family of Gert DeGroot

**Congratulations** to Grant & Julia Vanden Bosch on the birth of their son Asher. We thank God for this precious new life!

**Thank you** to everyone who helped put together this morning's breakfast. What a lovely and delicious way for our church family to come together to celebrate our risen Savior!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Good Morning!** We are delighted you are joining us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship 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.

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

**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 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**

**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)

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