



**REMEMBER, YOU ARE NEVER
ALONE, GOD IS WITH YOU
ALWAYS. HE SURROUNDS,
COVERS, AND PROTECTS US
WITH HIS DIVINE LOVE.**

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**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
May 17, 2026**

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

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship **#459 "The Lord is My Shepherd"**

Hymn #462 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

Praise Song "Goodness of God" (video)

God's Word to His People from Acts 23

Prayers of the People

Affirmation of Faith #718

Parting blessing

Hymn #465 "In His Time"

Postlude



TODAY – MAY 17, 2026

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

9:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Kenny Olson & Link Sietstra

AUDIO: Jeff Neuman

VIDEO: Cheyenne Neuman

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Kathy Ver Meer & Shari Fedders

NURSERY: Kirstin Huls

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue May 12 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Evening Ladies 7 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 24, 2026

Worship – 9:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism for Millie Kooiker!

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink

Cookies – Ashley Bolkema & Kaitlyn Rosenboom

Nursery – Kayla Rosenboom

Scripture Text: Acts 23

- 1) When God wanted to make a _____ out of _____; he didn't give him a _____, he gave him _____! Your challenges are the thing that are preparing you for your purpose.

- 2) When God wanted to make a _____ out of _____; he didn't give him a _____, he gave him _____! Your challenges are the thing that are preparing you for your purpose.

- 3) When God wanted to make an _____ out of _____; he didn't give him an _____, he gave him _____! Your challenges are the thing that are preparing you for your purpose.

Conclusion

- 4) When God wants to make a _____ out of _____; he doesn't give us _____, he gives us _____! Your challenges are the thing that are preparing you for your purpose.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thank you God for being there for us, never leaving us and always loving us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! We are delighted you are joining 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 and fellowship. Adult Sunday School meets in the room off the sanctuary after worship.

Help us honor graduates in the Innerglow! If you have a family member or loved one who is graduating this year from either high school, college or trade school, please get a pic and future plans information to the church office or to LaVonne S by May 26th so we can add them to the June Innerglow! If you have any questions, talk to LaVonne S or Teresa H.

We're still looking for help in the back of the sanctuary Sunday mornings. Please visit with Jeff N, Kevin R or Teresa H if you are interested!

The Boyden American Legion & Auxiliary invites you to the Memorial Day Service on Mon, May 25 at 8:30 am at St. John Cemetery and the Legion Veterans Service to follow at 9:30 am at the Demco Center. Speakers are Kaelyn Giefer and Jim Lynn from VCP (Veterans Community Project). Coffee and snacks will be served. Donations are welcome to support the VCP.

A Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Hull American Reformed Church on Memorial Day, May 25, serving from 7am-10am. A freewill donation will be taken with proceeds going towards Rocky Mountain High and Power Connection.

Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28th Annual Fishing Benefit on Fri June 5 starting at 7 am at Big Spirit in Spirit Lake. Registration fee is \$60 per angler & kids under 16 are free. Registration is due by Thur June 4. For more info & to register, go to hopehaven.org/events or call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820.

Bible verse for May "When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?" Psalm 56:3-4

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

LifeWise – Family Impact Night – Weds May 20th – American Reformed Church Hull – meal, silent auction and program

Share Group for widow(er)s – Thur May 21st 11:30 am at Hull Pizza Ranch

Memorial Day Service – Mon May 25th 8:30 am at St John Cemetery & 9:30 at Demco Ctr with with VCP

Pancake Breakfast – Mon May 25th at Hull American Reformed Church 7-10 am

Inspiration Hills Camp Saturday – May 30th – 1-4pm – FREE open house – check out the grounds & meet staff

Risefest – June 12 & 13 – risefestiowa.com

Tri-State Tec – June 19-21 – First Reformed Church, Rock Valley IA – (Teens Encounter Christ)

Boyden Bash – June 25-28 – So many good & fun things for the whole family! – Community Worship Sun June 28th 10 am

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

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)

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