

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
August 30, 2026

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

Sermon Title: “I Receive because I Believe...Not the Other Way Around”

Scripture Text: James 1:5-8

One Big Idea: Job 28:28 NIV

And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

1) *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God”*

***** SPOILER ALERT*** Genesis 3:6**

2) *“Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you”*

- Moses = Deuteronomy 4:5-8
- Joshua = Deuteronomy 34:9
- Job = Job 28:12-28
- David = Psalm 37:30; 51:6
- Solomon = 2 Chronicles 1:1-12; Proverbs 1-9
- Jesus = Matthew 5-7

3) *“But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”*

- “I receive because I believe.....not the other way around”

4) *“That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”*

- “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Congratulations to Pastor Heath & Wendy on becoming new grandparents! Their grandson Hudson Kahler was born to Hunter & Amanda. God bless this new life!

Please continue to pray for Tom Salmon, Teresa's uncle as he recovers from a stroke; Kathy Ver Meer's brother Don and his fight with cancer; Mary Schafer, Adam's mother, with her cancer battle; and Karri Schafer's sister's fight with breast cancer. Lift them up to our healing and gracious Father!

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 to dive deeper into the sermon.

Consistory nominations – You should have the 2027 nomination letter and ballots for new deacons and elders. This year the consistory is asking for 8 nominations as we need to elect 2 elders and 2 deacons. Please read through the letter carefully and place your nomination ballots in the boxes by the mailboxes by September 13th. If you have any questions, please visit with a current elder.

Ushers for September are Rod Bolkema & Kevin Rosenboom.

Boyden Awana & Youth Group Registration Night! This event will be held on Wed Sept 2nd from 6-7 pm. The whole family is invited to come for great food, registering their kiddos and getting any questions about the changes answered! The official start date of Awana & Youth Group will be Wed Sept 9th with both programs running from 6:30 to 8 pm. Talk to Marissa Mouw or Kaitlyn Rosenboom for more info and to find out how you can be involved!!

Ladies Night Out!! It is time!! Next week **Thurs Sept 3rd** we will be going to Ashton! If you are interested in going, please let Ranae K or Teresa H know. We'll be meeting at the church at 5:45 pm and traveling together to Ashton. Hope you will join us!

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Save the Date! The next **outdoor service will be Sun Sept 13th!** This will be our kickoff for Education! We will meet on the south side of the church weather permitting with a **start time of 10 am.** A meal will follow in the fellowship hall. Special music will be provided by the Backyard Singers. A special children's message will be shared to recognize everyone involved in education and the children's ministries. Bring your lawn chairs!!

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2027 home build in Boyden. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are accepted thru September 30th.

Inspiration Hills Warrior Run 5K or 1 mile – Sat, Sept 12, registration begins at 8 am – Join them for a great 5K trail race that runs thru the awesome hills and valleys at Inspiration Hills! All ages and skill levels are encouraged to come! Early Bird registration ends Aug 28th – check it out at www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

Civil War Memories Tombstone Tour – Sat, Sept 12 at Hope Cemetery in Hull – A \$15 donation is requested to support historical programs. A \$25 donation includes a 1-year membership to the Hull Historical Society. Call 712-439-6770 for more info and reservations.

46th Annual Fall Regional Conference for Bible League – Mon Sept 14 Dinner and Tue Sept 15 Conference at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, IA – Dinner begins Mon at 6 pm; \$25 fee. The conference on Tues is from 9:30 thru 2 pm. Fees are \$40 for the conference with lunch or \$30 for conference only. You can register online at bibleleague.org/tickets. For more info contact Carla Kooiman at ckooiman49@icloud.com.

Bible verse for August – “The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
Zephaniah 3:17

TODAY – AUGUST 30, 2026

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Wanda Slykhuis & Alan Warntjes

AUDIO: Jeff Neuman

VIDEO: Cheyenne Neuman

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Kirstin Huls & Marissa Mouw

NURSERY: Sarah Breems-Diekever

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Sept 1 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Wed Sept 2 – Awana/Youth Group Registration

& Meal - 6-7 pm – Church basement

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Worship – 9:30 am - **Mission Offering**

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink

Cookies – Angela Kooiker & Beth Polacek

Nursery – Marissa Mouw

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)

Jon Huls ('27)

David Mouw ('26)

Adam Schafer ('28)

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