

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
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First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in being a thriving community church.

Welcome
Call to Worship
Special Music—Backyard Singers
Children's Message
Sermon
Special message from Lyle Dykstra
Blessing

Shine, Jesus, Shine

(Verse 1) Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

(Chorus) Shine, Jesus, Shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

(Verse 2) Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

(Chorus)

(Verse 3) As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

(Chorus)

Scripture Text: James 1:12-18

Vs 12 ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

"Under" is the key to this verse.....

"Under" brings:

Vs 13-16 ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

"When" is the key to these verses.....

Vs 17-18 ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

"Gift" is the key to these verses.....