



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

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

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #203 "And Can It Be?"

(the general and missions offerings will be received)

Sermon Title: **"12 Teachings about whole-hearted
devotion to Jesus"**

Scripture Text: **James 2:1-13** (pg 1881)

Sacrament of Communion

Praise Song: "Mercy" (video)

Blessing

Closing Hymn #209 "We Are the Reason"

Postlude



TODAY – OCTOBER 4, 2026

9:30 AM – WORSHIP
10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Rod Bolkema & Kevin Rosenboom

AUDIO: Shauna Neuman

VIDEO: Jeff Neuman

POWERPOINT: Jeff Neuman

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Lori Bolkema & Jeri Hoogendoorn

NURSERY: Kaitlyn Rosenboom

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Oct 6 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Wed Oct 7 – Awana/Youth Group
6:30 – 8 pm

Awana at FRC / Youth Group at UPC

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11, 2026

Worship – 9:30 am
Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink
Cookies – Sarah Breems-Diekevers & Kayla Rosenboom
Nursery – Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

Sermon Title: “12 Teachings about whole-hearted devotion to Jesus”

Scripture Text: James 2:1-13

One Big Idea: Leviticus 19:2 “Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.”

Teaching #1 = “Mercy triumphs over judgement”

1) Vs 1-4

Religion says = Behave.....Believe.....Belong

Christ says = Belong.....Believe.....Behave

“Have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts??”

- John 7:24
- Isaiah 11:3-4
- Leviticus 19:15

2) Vs 5-7

“Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised to those who love him??”

- Matthew 5:3
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

3) Vs 8-11

- Leviticus 19:18
- Romans 13:8-10
- Galatians 5:13-14

“Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy”

4) Vs 12-13

“Mercy triumphs over judgement”

- Matthew 18:23-35

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please continue to pray for all those in our church family who are facing health issues and concerns – Jerald Keiser, brother of Carla Starkenburg, who has cancer; Mary Schafer, Adam's mom, who has cancer; Isaiah Schmith, infant son of Roger & Shayla, as he remains in the NICU in Sioux Falls; Don Ver Meer, brother of Kathy Ver Meer, who has cancer; and any other friends and loved ones. May their faith in our healing Father in heaven bless them with beautiful days!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Communion Sunday – This morning we are blessed to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. "Across languages, cultures and continents, we unite in faith on this World Communion Sunday, remembering that we are all God's children." If you are a visitor here today and if you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and are in good standing with your home church, we invite you to join us.

The Boyden American Legion & Auxiliary will have a meeting on Mon, Oct 5 at 6:30 pm at the Legion Building. All members are encouraged to attend.

Pancake & Sausage Supper – Boyden Fire & Ambulance invites you to their Pancake & Sausage Supper to be held at the Fire Station on Sat Oct 10th serving from 5-7 pm. Proceeds to help fund new fire helmets. Hope to see everyone there!

Bible verse for October – "All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

Lord, on this World Communion Sunday, we come together as one body, united in Christ across nations and cultures. As we share in the bread and cup, remind us of Your boundless love and the call to be instruments of peace and justice in the world. May this sacred meal strengthen our faith and inspire us to live out Your grace with compassion and unity.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hull widow(er)s group – Thur Oct 15th, 11:30 am at the Hull Pizza Ranch

Boyden Trunk or Treat! – Sat Oct 31st, 5-6:30 pm, Boyden-Hull Elementary North parking lot (if inclement weather, move to Demco Center)

Inspiration Hills – Fall High School & Middle School Retreats – HS Oct 30-Nov 1, save \$30 if register by Oct 9 – MS Nov 6-8, save \$30 if register by Oct 16 – www.inspirationhills.org

Rise with Rob & Friends – a night of live music, storytelling and hope in Jesus - Rob Rozeboom, Micah Tyler, Jordan Feliz & Patrick Mayberry – Nov 19 Spencer IA – Nov 20 Pella IA – Nov 21 St. Cloud MN – Nov 22 Wausau WI

To start a prayer chain, contact Teresa Harms at the church at 712-725-2366 or cell phone 605-951-7883. You can email her at tharms@frcboyden.com.

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)

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