


## *November 29, 2026*

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – **Bolkema Family**

Call to Worship **#142 "For Unto Us a Child is Born"**

**Hymn #143 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**
**Hymn #144 "How Great Our Joy"**
**Hymn #145 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**
(the general offering will be received)

**Sacrament of Baptism for Isaiah Fletcher Schmith**

Responsive Reading **#642 "Christ's Exaltation"**

**Praise Song "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"** (video)

Scripture – **Haggai 1:1-15** (pg 1468)
**Matthew 1:18-25** (pg 1497)

Sermon – **"A Call to Build the House of the Lord"**

Parting blessing

**Parting Hymn #125 "Joy to the World" vs 1**

Postlude




*(Congregation please join in the reading in the bold print.)*

"Each Sunday in Advent, we light one candle. These candles represent the growing light that Jesus brings to our dark world.

On the first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle in Hope. When our world looks bleak, God's hope is nearer."

"The light shines in the darkness, **and the darkness has not overcome it."**
John 1:5 (NIV)

*We thank the Bolkema family for taking part in the first Sunday of Advent – Colin, Ashley, Grayson, Cooper and Tessa! God bless you!*

**Sermon Title:** "A Call to Build the House of the Lord"

**Scripture Texts:** Haggai 1:1-15; Matthew 1:18-25

1) **To build the House of the Lord we need the Word of the Lord (vs 1-11)**
   - "Now this is what the Lord Almighty says:"
     - "Give careful thought to your ways."

❖ Ways of God the Lord Almighty…..
"You shall have no other gods"

❖ Ways of gods…..
"You have planted much, but harvested little" = god of money

"You eat, but never have enough" = god of consumerism

"You drink, but never have your fill" = god of religion

"You put on clothes, but are not warm" = god of comfort

"You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it" = god of entitlement

2) **To build the House of the Lord we need the Fear of the Lord (vs 12-15)**
   - The Fear of the Lord brings _____ to the Lord
   - Obedience to the Lord _____ the Spirit of the Lord
     - "I am with you"
   - The stirred Spirit of the Lord_____ the people of the Lord to "_____ on the house of the Lord"

3) **To build the House of the Lord we need the HOPE (Immanuel) of the Lord (Matthew 1:18-25)**

# Welcome to Worship!

## TODAY – NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

**USHERS:** Mike Kooiker & Mark Warntjes

**AUDIO:** Jeff Neuman
**VIDEO:** Shauna Neuman
**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Wanda Slykhuis
**COOKIES:** Marissa Mouw & Angela Kooiker

**NURSERY:** Marissa Mouw

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Nov 30 – Congregational Meeting 7 pm

Wed Dec 2 – Awana & Youth Group Service Night
**Everyone** meets at 6:30 pm in fellowship basement of FRC

## NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6, 2026

***We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen!***
Worship – 9:30 am
Missions offering
Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Sheryl Warntjes
Cookies – Beatrice Kooiker & Karri Schafer
Nursery – Kirstin Huls

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**UPDATE - Please be in prayer for those who have accepted the nominations for the 2027 consistory –** Nominated for elder are Steve Kleinwolterink and Kathy Ver Meer; nominated for deacon is Heath Warntjes. We thank you for your willingness to serve. The congregational meeting will be held on Monday, Nov 30th at 7 pm. We hope to see you there!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Boyden Awana & Youth Group** – This Weds, Dec 2, we will all meet here at Boyden FRC at 6:30 for our service project night! We will be coloring cards and putting together gift packages for our area fire department, emergency services and others. We encourage everyone to come and be a part of this special evening! If you have questions, talk with Kaitlyn R, Ken H, Teresa H or anyone from the Awana/Youth Group!

**Innerglow Survey –** In your mailboxes at the church (or in your email boxes if you don't have a mailbox here) are the surveys regarding our monthly newsletter Innerglow. We are attempting to focus the newsletter on information you as our readers are interested in. Please complete the form by the end of Dec, 2026 and place them in the boxes by the mailboxes. We will share the results and the (hopefully!) new and improved Innerglow beginning in 2027! If you have any questions, please feel free to visit with LaVonne S or Teresa H. Thank you!!

**Boyden's Community Christmas Celebration!** "American Christmas" will be held on Mon Dec 7th from 5-7 pm in the Demco Community Center. The Christmas Celebration will feature kids' crafts, a Christmas raffle, adult & kids coloring contest, table games and a Chili Cookoff! A freewill donation that will be used for Boyden Bash 2027 is all you need to give to enjoy the chili, as well as taverns, hotdogs, cinnamon rolls and a drink. A special guest will also be making an appearance Santa!!

**Business Christmas Open Houses!** FCS – Fri, Dec 11th and Citizens State Bank / Boyden Insurance – Mon Dec 14th

**Bible verse for November** "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
2 Corinthians 9:11

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hull Historical Society "A Christmas Carol" –** Sat Dec 5th, 2:30 pm, Hull First Reformed Church – Tickets $30 or $200 for table of 8 – reservations needed – 712-439-6770

**Hope of Heaven Christmas Concert with Jill Miller –** Benefit concert for the Gospel Mission – Sun Dec 6th 3 pm Eppley Auditorium

**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.

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# Pastor Heath De Jong

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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 | 2026 Deacons |
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| Rod Bolkema ('26) | Colin Bolkema ('27) |
| Josh Mouw ('28) | Jon Huls ('27) |
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