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 **OF JESUS** 



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
January 21, 2024**

*“First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in
being a thriving community church!”*

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome / Announcements

*Call to Worship **#403 “A Living Hope”**

***Hymn #404 “The Solid Rock” vs 1,3,4**

***Hymn #405 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” vs 1,2**

***Hymn #406 “My Hope Is in the Lord” vs 1,3,4**

*Prayer

*Greet one another

Children in Worship dismissed

***Praise Song – “Living Hope”** (video)

The Word of the Lord

Hymn #398 “Fill My Cup, Lord” vs 1,3

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

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

*Benediction

***Closing Hymn #394 “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified” vs 1,3**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please continue to pray for Rick Polacek, Bev Kooiker and any others who are living with health issues and/or concerns. Pray that our healing Father in heaven, the Great Physician, will bless them and give them the strength they need to face their days ahead. Flood heaven with prayers of grace and encouragement for them!

Donations are being collected for Eddie & Cindy who lost their home and belongings to a fire this past week. Things we are requesting are gas gift cards, groceries & grocery gift cards, personal items and gift cards to area stores, male clothing pants size 30 X 30, shirts size large, underwear size medium, shoes size 8 ½ to 9; female clothing pants and shirts size 2XL, shoes size 8, underwear size 9 and sports bras size 2XL. For monetary donations, please make your check out to Boyden First Reformed Church with "Fire Relief" in the memo. Thank you!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Boyden First Reformed Church! We are so happy you could join 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, goodies and fellowship! Sunday School for elementary children is at the UP Church with sing-along beginning at 10:50 am and classes from 11 to 11:30 am. Junior High and High School meet here at FRC from 11 to 11:30.

Audio / Video / Powerpoint Volunteers – If anyone is interested in helping out in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please visit with Jeff N, Kevin R or Teresa H. No prior knowledge of electronics is necessary! If those of us who are currently serving can do it, anyone can!!

Save the Date! Tuesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 13th the Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the Boyden-Hull Elementary school. Boyden FRC will be inviting families to come to the church for a free meal and daycare those two evenings so that parents can attend the conferences without the distraction of their children. Volunteers to help serve the meal, clean up, and to engage the children are appreciated. Watch for more info as we get closer to the dates. What a wonderful opportunity to serve the Boyden-Hull community!!

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January has been a great month at LifeWise Academy-Boyden and Hull! We have 8 more students in grades 2-6 and 4 more JH students joining us putting our total in 2nd-8th to 161 students! Wow! God continues to work! We are so excited to share the gospel with these new students! If you would like your child to join us in February or you would like to learn more about the program, please go to lifewise.org/boydenhullia

You are invited to the Full Send Conference 2024 to be held Jan 26-28, at the Maurice Reformed Church. Topics of the conference include sexuality, identity, prayer, reconciliation, vulnerability, evangelism and more! Friday evening begins with registration at 6 pm and a main session where you will learn how to grow in your faith and help others grow as well. Saturday is from 9am-9pm with 3 main sessions, 3 breakout groups and 2 meals. The focus will be about growing in what we know about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sunday is from 9:30 – 10:45 where you will Go with what you know into a world that desperately needs to experience it. For more information or to register, go to www.fullsendministry.com.

Rise Ministries has a goal for Risefest 2024! They're aiming for 25,001 people in attendance in Sheldon in June! This will break the previous record of 25,000 people celebrating their faith through music and community! Go to riseministries.com!

Save the Date! Guiding Star Siouxland Annual Fundraising Gala is scheduled to be held on Fri, Mar 1st, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. The keynote speaker this year is Pam Tebow, whose story about her decision to choose life against doctor's advice for her youngest son, Tim, who went on to win the Heisman Trophy, among other feats, will be an inspiration to all. For more information, email kaleigh@guidingstarsiouxland.org.

Bible verse for the month of January – “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25

The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

Scripture Texts:

- Matthew 13:31-33
- Mark 4:30-32
- Luke 13:18-21

1) What is the Kingdom of God like?

2) What shall I compare the Kingdom of God to?

Prayer for a church

Lord, allow those of us who are in the church to use our gifts for others' good and your glory. Bless us with the knowledge of your grace and that these gifts come only from You. Our prayer is to bless anyone who walks through the doors of our church (or greater yet, in the full body of Christ) with the gifts you've so freely given.

Amen.

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TODAY – JANUARY 21, 2024

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM - FELLOWSHIP

11 – 11:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st - 5TH AT UP / 6TH – 12TH AT FRC

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Josh Mouw & Chris Starkenburg

AUDIO: Andrew Neuman

VIDEO: Jeff Neuman

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Kayla Rosenboom

COOKIES: Kayla Rosenboom & Sarah Breems-Diekevers

NURSERY: Kirstin Huls

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader Kaitlyn Rosenboom

Helper Kayla Rosenboom

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Jan 22 – Innerglow news & Happiness is ... are due

Tues Jan 23 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Evening Ladies' Bible Study at parsonage at 7 pm

Wed Jan 24 – Awana – Meal 6pm

Program 6:30-8 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 28, 2024

We welcome back Pastor Steve Breen!

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Lori Bolkema

Cookies: Lori Bolkema & Nel Warntjes

Nursery: Kaitlyn Rosenboom

Mid-Sioux Opportunity – If you have a child between the ages of 3 & 4 years old, you may qualify for the FREE Head Start or Child Development Program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity. Early Head Start is currently taking applications for their FREE family support and resource program. Early Head Start serves expectant families and children up to the age of 3. For more information on either of these programs, you can call 800-859-2025.

Inspiration Hills Winter Retreat! February 16-18, kids aged 4th thru 6th grade will gather for a weekend full of fun games, new friends and worshipping our Heavenly Father! For more info or to register, go to www.inspirationhills.org.

To begin a prayer chain – You can either call Max Moret at 348-2929 or Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366.

2024 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Kathy Ver Meer

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

Assistant Clerk – Kevin Rosenboom

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Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

2024 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Brent Fedders ('24)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Kevin Rosenboom ('25)

Kathy Ver Meer ('24)

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