

Whoever drinks the
water I give them
will never thirst.
Indeed, the water
I give them will
become in them
a spring of water
welling up to
eternal life.

(John 4:14)



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
January 28, 2024**

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

***We welcome Pastor Steve Breen and thank him for leading
us in worship this morning!***

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Call to Worship – **Isaiah 12** (responsively)

***Hymn of Praise #262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

***Opening Prayer**

***Meet One Another**

Welcome / Announcements

Psalm of Meditation – **Psalm 19**

Song of Response #59 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Children’s Message

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Hymn #447 “Freely, Freely”

(the general offering will be received)

Scripture Reading – **Jeremiah 2:11-13; John 4:4-14**

Message – **“Drinking Water and Living Water”**

Prayer

***Hymn of Response #203 “And Can It Be? (vs 1, 2 & 4)**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn #335 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

We thank God that Rick Polacek is home! Please continue to pray for a strong recovery with no complications. Please continue to lift up **Bev Kooiker**. Pray that her continued battle with cancer leads to healing and wellness. Pray for all those who are living with difficulties – that they will feel the love and healing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for Eddie & Cindy, who lost their home and belongings in a fire. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!

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.

Sacrament of Communion – Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. In preparation this week, please take time to examine your heart and confess your sins. Trust in the worthiness of Christ and be thankful for all He has done for you, giving up His life to save ours.

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!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers for February are Ryan Reiser & Doug Van Roekel.

Children in Worship for February – February 4th Leader Sarah Breems-Diekevers with Helper Ashley Bolkema; and February 18th Leader Kaitlyn Rosenboom with Helper Shayla Schmith.

2024 Church Directory – Teresa has been busy working on updating the church directory and combining the women's booklet for 2024. If you have any changes in your address, phone number or email, please let her know as soon as possible. Pictures are being taken off of social media unless you have a pic to share. Thank you!

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and build Christian community. The next TEC is February 16-18, 2024. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. *Are you an adult but still want to be involved?* We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit tristatetec.org for more information.

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 these programs, you can call 800-859-2025.

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

Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here!!

TODAY – JANUARY 28, 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: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Lori Bolkema & Nel Warntjes

NURSERY: Kaitlyn Rosenboom

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tues Jan 30 – Men's Group 5:30 am
Evening Ladies' Bible Study at parsonage at 7 pm

Wed Jan 31 – Awana – Meal 6pm
Program 6:30-8 pm

Fri Feb 2 – Happy Groundhog Day!

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Worship – 9:30 am

Mission Offering

Holy Communion

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Lisa Nelson

Cookies: Shirley Baartman & LuEtta Heemskerk

Nursery: Nichole Olson

Children in Worship: Leader Sarah Breems-Diekevers

Helper Ashley Bolkema

Liz Testa, Women's Transformation & Leadership Director is coming to NW Iowa next week and Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy is hosting the women's event in our ministry center, Talitha Koum, near Sioux Center. It is Sat., Feb. 3 from 8:30-11:30 AM. It will be a time to refresh and connect with other women in the area. To register contact Deb Rensink, Pastor at 712-441-0049 or email her at deb.rensink@gmail.com. You can also check out their website at whispersoflhj.com.

Come join us at the annual St. Mary's Activity Club Fish Supper on Friday February 16, at St. Mary's High School Cafeteria in Remsen. The menu includes those wonderful homemade salads and desserts, as well as fried and baked fish, corn, and cheesy potatoes. Serving will be from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. Carry outs & deliveries are available.

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

Chair of Deacons – Chris Diekevers

Treasurer – Paul Moret

Assistant Treasurer – Nic Rosenboom

Building & Grounds – Ken Hoogendoorn & David Mouw

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

2024 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Brent Fedders ('24)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Kevin Rosenboom ('25)

Kathy Ver Meer ('24)

2024 Deacons

Chris Diekevers ('24)

Ken Hoogendoorn ('24)

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