



BY YOUR SPIRIT  
MAKE US ONE  
WITH CHRIST,

one with each other, and one in ministry  
to all the world, until Christ comes  
in final victory and we feast at his  
heavenly banquet.



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
Pastor Heath De Jong  
October 6, 2024**

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

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome / Announcements

\*Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship

**Praise Song "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"** (screen)  
(the general and mission offerings will be received)

**Praise Song "Holy Forever"** (screen)

Sermon Title **"Jesus is not a vending machine"**

Scripture Text **Acts 3:11-26** (pg 1695)

**\*Praise Song "Exalted"** (screen)

**Sacrament of Communion**

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song **"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"** (screen)

\*Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Heavenly Father,** we thank You for this day. We know we are able to witness it because of Your grace. We lift up those who are hurting and sick. Please let Your healing power bless them and give them peace. We thank You for Your love and compassion. In Jesus' precious name we pray, Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to Boyden First Reformed Church!** We are 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 and fellowship. There is no Sunday School today.

**Today we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion.** If you are worshiping with us today as a visitor, we invite you to participate with us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper if you believe in your heart that Jesus is your Lord and Savior and if you are in good and regular standing in your home congregation.

**Awana** – We are going strong with approximately 40 kids each week! If you want to be involved, but can't physically be there on Wednesdays, there are other ways to support Awana!! You could be a Prayer Partner for a Clubber or Volunteer. We would benefit from gift cards to Walmart, HyVee or Fairway to help with costs for the meals. Please visit with an Awana leader or volunteer to find out how you can help!!

**LifeWise Academy Boyden and Hull** is excited to welcome more students each and every month! If you or someone you know would be interested in signing up their student for the program, registration is now open to begin classes November 5 (2nd-6th grade) and 6 (JH). Deadline to sign up is Oct 25. Learn more at [lifewise.org/boydenhullia](http://lifewise.org/boydenhullia) or visit us on Facebook.

**SHARE Group for widows and widowers** will meet Thurs, Oct 17, at 11:30 AM. We will meet at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

**Bible verse for the month of October** – "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."  
1 Corinthians 12:13

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Love INC of Sioux County** is seeking a part-time (20 hours) ministry coordinator/office assistant. This position requires strong interpersonal skills, attention to detail and excellent organization. The ability to be a self-starter, work independently and collaboratively within a team setting is essential. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Knowledge of Canva helpful. Four-day work week. For more information, please contact Debbie at 476.5990 or send resume to Love INC Sioux County, PO Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247.

**Inspiration Hills upcoming events!** Middle School retreat will be held Oct 11-13<sup>th</sup>. CAMP Connection for Youth Groups is scheduled for Nov 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. Art of Parenting will be held Nov 15-17<sup>th</sup>. And finally their Annual Fundraiser is scheduled for Thurs Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. You can check out all of these events at [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org).

### **Upcoming Boyden Events!**

**Boyden Fire Burger Feed – Sat, October 12<sup>th</sup>** – 5-7 pm at the Boyden Fire Station – Freewill donation – To Go containers available – Proceeds will go towards building projects

**Trunk or Treat – Thur, October 31<sup>st</sup>** – 5-6:30 pm in the North Parking Lot of the school (inclement weather will move it to the Demco Center) – Wear your costume and bring your treat bag! Candy – hotdogs – chips! Freewill donations accepted

**Chili Bash & Festival of Trees – Community Christmas Celebration – Mon, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Serving from 5-7 pm at the Demco Community Center chili, cinnamon rolls & drink - \$5 per person, ages 13 & younger eat free – To register your chili, contact Courtney at 712-324-4909 or Alison at 712-348-6001 by Nov 30th

**Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest – December 13<sup>th</sup> thru December 29<sup>th</sup>** – Express your holiday spirit on the outside of your home or business with lights, lawn ornaments and more! This contest is open to all residents & businesses within the Boyden city limits. To enter, you can scan the QR code on the flyers or get a paper entry form from the City office or the Library. Deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Sermon Title:** "Jesus is not a vending machine"

**Scripture Text:** Acts 3:11-26

**1) Jesus is not a vending machine.....**

Vs 10 =

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Vs 11 =

Vs 12 = (James 1:6-8)

Vs 13 =

Vs 14 =

Vs 15 =

Vs 16 =

Vs 17 =

Vs 18 =

***We don't get to pick and choose which parts of Jesus we do/don't want!..... it's all or nothing!***

Vs 19 = \_\_\_\_\_ then (of treating Jesus like a vending machine)

= "Turn to God (instead of yourself) so that your sins (of treating Jesus like a vending machine) may be wiped out"

= "\_\_\_\_\_ only comes from the Lord (not yourself)"

Vs 20 = \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah”

Vs 21 = \_\_\_\_\_ is coming “as he promised long ago through his holy prophets”

Vs 22-23 = God \_\_\_\_\_ up a prophet “and you must listen to everything he tells you”

- Deuteronomy 18:14-22

Vs 24-26 = \_\_\_\_\_ has always been the plan!

## **2) Conclusion**

The \_\_\_\_\_ is to obey.

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**TODAY – OCTOBER 6, 2024**

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM - FELLOWSHIP

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING.**

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!**

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Steve Kleinwolterink & Mark Warntjes

**AUDIO:** Andrew Neuman

**VIDEO:** Jeff Neuman

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Lori Bolkema

**COOKIES:** Lori Bolkema & Carla Starkenburg

**NURSERY:** Nichole Olson

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Tue Oct 8 – Men's Group 5:30 am at Parsonage

Women's Group 7 pm at Parsonage

Elders' Mtg 6:30 pm / Deacons' Mtg 7 pm

Consistory 8 pm

Wed Oct 9 – Awana!

Meal served from 6-6:30 pm

Program from 6:30-8 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Lisa Nelson

Cookies – LuEtta Heemskerk & Joan Wiertzema

Nursery – Lisa Nelson

**RCA Lebanon Displacement Relief Project** – This mission was started by missionary J.J. TenClay, whom we financially support. The purpose is to make a special effort to help meet the acute needs of the Lebanese who have fled north to escape the fighting by between Hezbollah & Israel. Previous funds from the RCA have been depleted; therefore, donations are urgently needed. If you wish to give to this mission you can go online to [www.rca.org/give/lebanon-displacement-relief-project/](http://www.rca.org/give/lebanon-displacement-relief-project/), by phone call Terri Boven at 616-541-0835 or mail checks made out to "Reformed Church in America" and designate "Lebanon Displacement Relief Project" in the memo portion of your check to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Dept., 4500 60<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512.

**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

Community Impact – Ken Hoogendoorn

Joy – Roger Nelson

Discipleship –

#### **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)

Paul Moret ('25)

David Mouw ('26)

Nic Rosenboom ('25)

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