



LETTER OF

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THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL REVEALED

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
January 12, 2025**

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

*We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III and thank him
for leading our service today!*

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**
Welcome & Announcements

SINGING & READING

*Call to Worship **#599-1 (Psalm 24:1, 9-10)**
*Pastoral Prayer
***Hymn #368 "All for Jesus"**
Offering & Prayer
Hymn #366 "I Surrender All"
Responsive Reading **#361 "My God, I Love Thee"**
Hymn #362 "I Love Thee"
Hymn #363 "More Love to Thee"
***Hymn #364 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

PREACHING

Sermon—"The Mystery of the Messiah" (Ephesians 3:1-7)

YIELDING & BLESSING

Prayer of Consecration
***Chorus #313 "Lord, Lay Some Soul upon My Heart"**
***Benediction #613-1 (Numbers 6:24-26)**
***Chorus #602 "God Be with You"**
*Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thank you to “all the ones who came and sang at my place – what a great sound it was.” Elaine Ver Meer

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, kids & parents involved in Awana! It was a great re-start this past week! It’s always awesome when we can learn about and celebrate Jesus! Thanks also to the Kooiker family for the fantastic donations to the Awana store! So many goodies!!!

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.

Ladies’ Daytime Bible Study! We are looking to start anew a daytime ladies’ Bible study. If anyone is interested in being a part of this group, please visit with Teresa H or LuEtta H. Days and times are pending depending on the interest of the group.

Secret Sisters! Every lovely lady was given a Secret Sister Questionnaire to fill out. If you’d like to be a part of this uplifting ministry, please get your completed questionnaire to Teresa H or Wendy DJ by the end of the month. If you have any questions or need another form, talk to Teresa!

2025 Directory! Teresa is updating the directory with the goal of getting it out to you by the end of January. If you have any changes to your contact info (address, cell phone, email), please get it to Teresa asap! If you have a picture you’d like for her to use, please email it to her at tharms@frcboyden.com. There will also be changes made to the work groups this year. Please make note of these when you get the completed directory. If you have any questions, please talk to Teresa.

Boyden Fire Auxiliary Soup & Pie Supper is Sat, Jan 25 from 5-7 pm at the Demco Center. The Soups on the menu are chili, vegetable beef, chicken noodle & pea soup. Taverns and hotdogs will also be served. MORE pie donations are NEEDED! Please talk to a current member of the fire dept and/or auxiliary if you can donate a pie or dessert.

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SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet, Thur, Jan 16th at 11:30 AM. They will meet at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

Volunteers needed for Love INC classes – If you have a heart for helping others, we have opportunities for you to give of your time and talents! The main needs are childcare volunteers and Faith & Finances mentors. Training is offered. Please call the Love INC office at 712-476-5990 to find out more ways to serve your community. Our next class session begins 1/28/25.

Inspiration Hills News – The Single Moms' Retreat will be held Jan 31 – Feb 2nd. Deadline for registration is Jan 17th. 4th thru 6th Grades Winter Retreat will be held Feb 14-16. Registration deadline is Jan 24th. When there's snow, the sledding hill will be open and a broom ball court is almost ready! Open positions they are looking to hire for include a Kitchen Manager and Housekeeping Assistant. The Kitchen Manager job is full-time with benefits. The housekeeping position has flexible hours and can work with your schedule. They also have a wish list for needed items. You can check all this out at www.inspirationhills.org.

Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, are partnering to conduct a Community Health Assessment survey until January 31, 2025. You can take the survey at <https://siouxcountychnp.org/>. If you have any questions or would like more information, you may email chnp@siouxcountychnp.org. The survey is confidential and will take about 15 minutes to complete. Your voice matters!

Save the Date! Awakening Grace 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner – Friday, April 11th – Prairie Winds Event Center, Orange City - Cocktail hour beginning at 6 pm, dinner provided by Woudstra Catering at 6:30 pm – Entertainment by Robin's School of Dance – Semi-formal attire – Tickets are \$30 each or sponsor a table of 8 for \$200!

Bible verse for the month of January – "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21



Let's Worship Together

TODAY – JANUARY 12, 2025

9:30 AM – WORSHIP
10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP
No Sunday School today.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Chris Diekevers & Ken Hoogendoorn

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Wanda Slykhuis

COOKIES: Wanda Slykhuis & Holly Starkenburg

NURSERY: Kirstin Huls

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Jan 14 – Men's Group 5:30 am
Evening Ladies' Group 7 pm
Elders' / Deacons' Mtgs
Consistory 8 pm

Wed Jan 15 – Awana
6pm Supper / 6:30-8 pm Program

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 19, 2025

Worship – 9:30 am
Building & Repair offering
Fellowship – 10:35 am
Sunday School – 10:30/10:45 am

Kitchen – Sheryl Warntjes
Cookies – Sheryl Warntjes & Sarah Breems-Diekevers
Nursery – Marissa Mouw
Children in Worship – Sarah, Colton & Ella Diekevers

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the New Life Church in Sioux Center. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is February 14-16. 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!

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

2025 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Roger Nelson

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

Assistant Clerk – Kevin Rosenboom

Chair of Deacons – Nic Rosenboom

Treasurer – Paul Moret

Assistant Treasurer – Colin Bolkema

Building & Grounds – David Mouw

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact –

Joy –

Discipleship –

2025 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Kevin Rosenboom ('25)

Carla Starckenburg ('27)

Alan Warntjes ('27)

2025 Deacons

Colin Bolkema ('27)

Jon Huls ('27)

Paul Moret ('25)

David Mouw ('26)

Nic Rosenboom ('25)

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