



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
January 21, 2024

Prelude	Bells of Joy: Noel
Welcome	
*Song of Worship	<i>Come, Now is the Time to Worship</i>
*Greeting	
*Songs of Worship	<i>Come People of the Risen King</i>
<i>Goodness of God</i>	
Sermon	“Longing”
Scripture – Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	
Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer	
Song	<i>Turn! Turn! Turn!</i>
Announcements	
*Sending Song	<i>Hear Our Praises</i>
*Blessing	
Postlude	
<i>*All who are able, please stand.</i>	

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Worship Leader – Mike Dertien;
Bells of Joy Director – Rick Gossett

WELCOME to First Reformed Church

We're so glad you're here! May you experience the presence of the Living God. If you are visiting, welcome! There are guest cards in the pews you can complete and put in the offering plate. Feel free to stop by our Welcome Desk near the main entrance – we'd love to connect with you! Please join us for coffee in the Activity Center following the service.

FOR KIDS – Kid's Worship bags and Sweet Reward papers are available as you enter the Sanctuary. Completed Sweet Reward papers can be turned in at the Welcome Desk for a sweet treat.

Mother's Room – The "Mother's Room" is now accessible off the Fellowship Room. It is a comfortable space to tend to the needs of babies.

Children's Library – The Children's Library is now located downstairs in Room 108.

TODAY at First

Pastor Melanie will continue the sermon series: "Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes." The message will come from Ecclesiastes 3:1-15.

Sunday Kids Connect Schedule:

Nursery (birth – 3 year olds) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Worship (ages 3 years – Kindergarten) can be dropped off downstairs in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Sunday Connect (3 years-5th Grade) 10:45-11:45am

- 3 years – PreK meet in room #113 South (downstairs)
- Kindergarten – 3rd grade meet in the downstairs assembly room
- 4th & 5th grades meet in room #113 north (downstairs)

Middle & High School Sunday Connect in the Youth Lounge from 10:45-11:30am.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) No youth group tonight.

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) from 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Gym.

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the sermon series "Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes." The message will come from Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received January 14, 2024

Mailed In: \$1,515.00

Online: \$3,034.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

We extend prayers of healing & comfort for:

- **Shirley Ghysels** is home and continues to recover.
- **Cathy Tuinstra** at American House Wyoming.
- **Bob Verburg** is under the care of hospice.
- **Don Scovel** continues with chemo.
- **Esther Dawdy (Jon Hull's grandma)** is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Casey Dutmer, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, and Jeremy Ross.**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **Ben Westrick, Ben DeRuyter** (Jack and Jackie's grandson), **AJ Frens** (Duane & Gail's grandson), **Abram Swart** (Jack & Myrt Manders grandson).

Please keep in your hearts, minds, and prayers:

Our Family at Home members - Eloise Anderson, Crystal Baum, Mary Lou Besteman, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Kay TenHaken, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, and Mary Zomerlei.

In case of an emergency and no one is at church, you may call Pastors Jeff Watson - 616-250-7148, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189, Melanie Kilgore - 269-330-0155, or consistory Vice President Lee Cook – 616-446-7880, or any of the other elders.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
5:30pm Praise Team
5:30pm MidWeek Connect meal
6:00-7:00pm K – 5 MidWeek Connect
7:00-7:45pm K – 5 Kids Choir
6:30-7:30pm Preschool MidWeek Connect
6:30pm Chancel Choir
6:30-7:30pm Craft Group

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Esther Circle – the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in the Adult Education Room. All women are welcome to meet for a time of coffee, fellowship, mission interests, and informal Bible study. Our study is “Women and Identity.” Contact Karen Diekema – 616-644-0820

MegaMen Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. Come for Bible study and fellowship. Contact: Dave Lidgard (dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma (mstelmau78@yahoo.com).

Women in the Word – Resumes January 24. Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:00am in the Youth Lounge. We will be studying Douglas Connelly’s *Angels Standing Guard*. Books are available for \$10 and can be picked up in the office. Contact Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Men's Bible Study – at Marge's Donut Den on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2:30pm. Mark Davis and David Bast are the discussion leaders. The topic is The Parables. You are encouraged to bring a friend! Contact Chuck Porte - 616-261-4402

LOOKING AHEAD

Prime Timers – Thursday, January 27, 7:30PM. Production of “Spread Your Cloak Over Me” at Master Arts Theater. See the sign-up to register. Contact Myrt Manders (manders6871@gmail.com)

Connect with Eight Sign-Ups – Sign-ups are open! Connect with others in the congregation over a meal. Sign up again or for the first time. Groups will meet in February, March, and April. Contact Ashley VanDyk (ashleysuevandyk@gmail.com) for families and Lynne Rosema (lrosema@sbcglobal.net) for adults.

Maple Tree Preschool's 2024/2025 registration is now open! Go to Maple Tree's website for more information and to register online. Join us for an Open House on Monday, February 5, 6:00-7:00 pm (limited to 2 adults and students interested in attending Maple Tree in 2024/2005).

MidWeek Connect Craft Night – Wednesday, January 24, 6:30pm. If you like to craft (knit, crochet, color, scrapbook, etc.), bring your project to church and work on it in the company of other crafters. Contact Pastor Melanie.

Widows and Widowers – February 29, 1:30pm. Let's LEAP back to the 80s! Join us for fellowship and fun. More information and sign-up sheet coming soon. Contact Lynne Rosema (tlrosema@sbcglobal.net).

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Profession of Faith Mentors are needed! Contact Jeff Watson or Jon Hull for more information.

Youth Sunday Connect -- If you are interested in providing a snack for Sunday Connect and getting to know some of our youth students, please fill out the snack sign up form in the Sign-Up Center.

Stamps for Wycliffe -- Save your stamps for Wycliffe Associates. WA has a team that trims, sorts, and sells stamps for mission projects. Save your canceled and uncanceled stamps, as well as any stamp collections that you no longer want. There is a box under the mailboxes in the Fellowship Room for donations. If you have questions or would like something picked up, contact Doris (616 531-8335).

Hand2Hand – Each week we deliver food for 51 kids to Century Park Learning Center so the kids will have food to eat for the weekend. We are receiving non-expired, non-perishable food donations. Items needed are:

popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, raisins, any bagged snack, instant oatmeal, cereal, instant mac 'n cheese.

These items need to be in individual packets. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.

Food Pantry Needs applesauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, Jello, pudding, rice, pancake mix and syrup, crackers. Please leave food in the cart in the Activity Center.

YOUTH MINISTRIES Contact person: Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org/517-803-5686

Young Life (9th-12th grades) – All City Club at Calvin University on January 22 at 7:30pm.

WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – resumes on January 30, at 7:27pm, at church.

Profession of Faith Interest Meeting – January 28th 10:45-11:30am (in place of Sunday Connect) in the Youth Lounge. If your student(s) are interested in coming to the meeting, please RSVP to Jon. All youth students are welcome to check this out.

High School Spring Hill Weekend (9th-12th grades) – February 2 – 4. Cost is \$200. Contact Jon to sign up.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Taco Dinner – Wednesday, February 21, at 5:30pm.

Youth Dominican Republic Trip – June 14-21, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Please be praying for youth who are signed up and are considering signing up!