

**Christmastide**

January 5, 2020

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*As With Gladness Men of Old  
Unto Us a Child Is Born*

Robert Hobby, Michael Burkhardt  
Albin Whitworth

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn

***Beautiful Savior***

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. Spoken. Creating the world.

**People: Jesus, You are the Word of God.**

Leader: The Word gives life. That life is light.

**People: Jesus, the darkness cannot put out Your light.**

Leader: At the beginning of our time: Speak. Shake our world.

**People: Jesus, we're hungry for Your words of life.**

Leader: We cannot live by food alone,

**People: We wait on the words that come from the mouth of God.**

Leader: The Word became flesh and blood

**People: And moved into our neighborhood.**

Leader: It's time for us to put flesh on Your word

**People: That we might be Your hands and feet, in our homes, jobs and streets.**

Leader: We will worship the Lord and serve Him only.

**People: We will let our light shine in the darkness:**

Leader: That the world might see, and be transformed

**People: And praise our Father in heaven. Amen.**

\*The Song of Adoration

***What a Beautiful Name***

\*The Greeting

Children's Moment

The Call to Reconciliation

Leader: Are you in love with God? Do you show it in your words, your thoughts, your actions?

Are you in love with your neighbor? Do they know this by your presence, your grace, your friendship?

Or are you so obsessed with yourself, that you have no time, no room, no pity for others, or for God?

Let us confess the limits we place on our love, so we might be filled with God's limitless mercy.

**People: Rescue us from the power of our sins, God of all generations. Pour out Your mercy on us,  
rather than Your judgement so that we would be moved into action. Help us each day to share  
the hope that is ours through the gift of Your Son.**

The Assurance of Pardon (spoken together)

**God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins and withholds judgment. He showers us with  
forgiveness and mercy. Let us do likewise. In Jesus' name, amen.**

\*The Song of Response

***God So Loved***

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

John 1:1-18

The Message

**“Jesus Christ is Seizing Us!”**

\*The Hymn of Response

***At the Name of Jesus***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

The Offering

The Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*The Offertory Prayer

*Noel: Where Go these Merry Shepherds?*

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Hymn

***God Has Spoken by His Prophets***

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

Albin Whitworth

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organ – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

**NEXT SUNDAY: “When God Talks to Us”;** Matthew 3:13-17

**PRAYER TEAM**

Elders will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service to pray with you or listen to your needs or concerns.

**TODAY at FRC**

Welcome to First Reformed Church in Grandville during this Christmastide! We continue to bask in the glory of our Lord's birth. If you are visiting, a warm welcome to you as well. If you are searching for a church home and would like more information about First Reformed Church, please stop at the Welcome Desk near the main entrance. A time for coffee and fellowship follows our service in the room to your left. Hope to see you there!

11:00am - **A Workshop: Overconsumption and How We Can Fight Back** - We will focus on our homes - heating and cooling in Room 300.

## HELPERS TODAY

Nursery Today: Infant: Stephanie Lancto, Eva VanEck  
Toddler: Kristin Russell, Matthew Singer, Ben Smitley  
Nursery Next Week: Check In:  
Infant: Jill & Paige Crame  
Toddler: Kristy VanWingerden, Claire & Megan Crame  
Ushers Today: Bob Holwerda Mark Donker Tim Kooima Nate VanDyk  
Ushers Next Week: Greg Noorman Ken Ploeg Tony Williams Matt Jolink

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Coffee Servers:	Karen Diekema Don Scovel	Ken & Barb VanderHeide Don & Lois Alderink
Greeters:	Curt & Carol Stoel Karen Diekema	Ken & Barb VanderHeide Don & Lois Alderink

### Stewardship Update – January 5, 2020

Dec. 29 Offering:	\$ 12,664.00
Dec. 29 Online Giving:	\$ 1,257.00
Christmas Eve Offering:	\$ 5,618.00
Total Offering for week Dec. 29:	\$ 19,539.00
December Total:	\$123,020.00
December Goal:	\$140,000.00
<b>Outstanding Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$372,711.00</b>
<b>Text to Give - 616-208-4301</b>	

A detailed financial report is available in the church office.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Kosten	84 on the 2nd	Fran Rinkus	91 on the 28th
Lois Kosten	83 on the 11th	David Kuiper	80 on the 30th
Don Ferris	84 on the 27th		

The **Food Pantry** is in need of jelly, peanut butter, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, and juice. You may leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Activity Center. Thanks!

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Bud Pratt - 708-302-5645, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189 or consistory vice president Kevin Meyer - 616-719-9652, or any of the other elders.



Phone: 534-5465  
Prayer Line: 534-0113

Email: [mail@firstgrandville.org](mailto:mail@firstgrandville.org)  
Fax: 534-1185

Radio Broadcast Sunday mornings at 9:30am - WFUR - 102.9

## 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:

- **Marie Roos**, recovering from surgery for a broken femur at Medilodge.
- **Dave Timmerman**, home recovering and preparing to see a pulmonary specialist.
- **Judy Baartman**, rehabbing at Spectrum Rehab on Kalamazoo Avenue.
- **Doug Koster**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Continued prayers for: Roy DeJonge, Jack Kosten, Joyce Bolthouse, Ed Kingma, Brian Kehr, Shirley Ghysels, Charlie Cobb, Curt Stoel, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons**

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

- **Dustin Lambries, Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **Edward Peter Tolhurst** (Pat Bird's nephew)

### Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- Our **Family at Home members** - Nelly Baak, Judy Baartman, Vern & Norma Boss, Milo Buikema, Sharon Bouwman, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Kathy Kermeen, Joyce Kooman, Ev Lindhout, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Bea Verburg, Evelyn Watson, Lois Wing, Mary Zomerlei

**Priscila Saltos** (our missionary in Ecuador) has received her diploma of theology. Congratulations Priscila!

## THANK YOU...

...to everyone for the wonderful inspiring cards and prayers for my healing. It's so wonderful to be part of First family. **Joyce Bolthouse**

### **Maple Tree Preschool's 2020-2021 registration is open!**

Tell your friends, neighbors, and family about Maple Tree Preschool! Classes for ages 3-5 are available in a two, three, four, or five half day format. To find out if Maple Tree Preschool is the right fit, invite families to our open houses on Saturday, January 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and Monday, February 3, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Registration is available online and at the open house. For online registration and a virtual tour, go to [www.mapletreepreschool.org](http://www.mapletreepreschool.org).

## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle - lesson 7 - Joyce Bolthouse - 643-8223  
2:30pm Institute for Cultural Communications in the Family Life Center  
6:30pm Handbells - Patty Pratt - 708-302-6327  
7:27pm WyldLife - Abbie Chamberlain - abbie.chamberlain@harborchurches.org

### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study - Dave Lidgard - 914-8149  
3:30pm-7:00pm Blood Drive  
5:30pm Praise Team - Barb Nienhuis - 485-3417  
5:30-6:15pm FOCUS supper  
6:30-8:00pm FOCUS/Children's Choirs & class for children grades 1 - 6 - Barb Nienhuis - 485-3417  
6:30-8:00pm Jr. High Youth Group - Jeff Watson - 250-7148 or jeffw@firstgrandville.org  
6:30-7:30pm Adult FOCUS class, "Study of the Gospels"  
7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal - All singers welcome! Patty Pratt - 708-302-6327  
8:00pm Global Mission Council - Jeff Muller - 889-5187

### THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba  
9:00am Men's Bible study - Chuck Porte - 261-4402 - Mark Davis will lead the lesson based upon Romans 5:1-11. The study guide lesson is chapter 5 "Enjoying Justification". See you there!  
7:15pm Volleyball

### Advanced Calendar

Jan. 13 - Facilities Council - Steve Westrick - 893-6838  
Jan. 14 - Anna Circle - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784  
Jan. 17 - MomBreak - Diane Katsma - Mombreakmk@yahoo.com or 616-291-2443  
Jan. 19 - All church luncheon following worship  
Jan. 20 - Consistory

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

There will be no **Children in Worship or Sunday School** until January 12.

**FOCUS** resumes this week Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The FOCUS kids will be starting to learn about church and worship so they will be starting this year preparing to help lead and participate in the February 16<sup>th</sup> worship service.

**Children in Worship and nursery** will be available during the worship service only on January 19<sup>th</sup> so families can attend the all church luncheon together.

**No Sunday School** on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> so that families can attend the all church luncheon together. (P.S. This lunch will be served by the church staff)!

**1st-6<sup>th</sup> Grade BINGO** – every January and February our children's ministry department has a fun activity for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader's to participate in – it's a great way to learn some extra Bible verses, etc. during a time of year that might be a tad bit slower for families - it's our BINGO sheet – prizes are awarded for completing each row and if you complete the entire Bingo board – you get lunch out with Lynne and Angie! These Bingo sheets are available on the table outside of the assembly room downstairs.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - Since camp registration for summer opens up in January and for those of you starting to plan dates for your kids and your family summer vacations....mark in your calendar VBS for the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Jr. & Sr. High** - No Sunday School until January 12.

**Collision** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) - February 2 from noon to 1:30pm.

**Jr. High Youth Group** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) - meets on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Lounge. Snacks provided.

**Sr. High Youth Group** (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders) TONIGHT - sledding at Johnson Park. Meet at 6:15 at the Youth Lounge for pizza. Bring your own sled.

**Please fill out and turn in the Spring Hill Retreat form to Jeff ASAP.**

**Youth mission trip** - The high school youth group is going to Washington D.C. June 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for them as they plan for the trip.

**Youth Mission Trip fundraisers:**

- **Pop can drive** - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans.

Please follow our Jr. High & Sr. High Social Media pages:

**Instagram** - First\_Reformed Youth

**Facebook** - First Reformed Youth

Camp registrations to **Camp Geneva and Cran Hill Ranch** are available in the kiosk.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Blood Drive** - We will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 8, from 3:30pm-7:00pm in the Parlor. You can sign up to give blood at the Sign Up Center, call 866-642-5663 or schedule directly at: [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/127367](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/127367)

**All Church luncheon** - served by the church staff on January 19<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

**All Church Game Show and Lunch** - Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual All Church Game Show during the Sunday School hour with a lunch following.

**Girls Game Night** – Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 6:45 pm– more details coming but mark your calendars now – This will be a fun night for girls of all ages!

**Maple Tree Fundraiser** - at Panera Bread on 44<sup>th</sup> St., Tuesday, January 14, from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. There is a flyer in your mailslot that you need to bring with you.

## VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Mission trip to Annville, KY** - If you are interested in going on the mission trip to Annville April 5-11, please put your name on the sheet at the sign-up center or contact Paul Brinks, Terry Jolink, Larry Kuipers, or Steve Watson. The cost is \$250 per person and includes meals and lodging.

**Hat & Mitten collection** - The Esther Circle will be collecting hats and mittens to be distributed to different agencies for needy children. There is a collection box under the mailboxes.

**Matthew's House** - Is in need of men's and women's coats. Place donations in the box under the mailslots. Questions? Contact Karen Diekema - 644-0820 or Carol Bernson - 667-8821.



