

Epiphany V  
February 9, 2020

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*When Morning Gilds the Sky*

The Prelude

Lloyd Larson

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome and Greeting

\*The Gathering Song

***You Are My King (Amazing Love)***

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Praise to the Lord our God! Glory be to God's holy name!

**People: With joy and thankfulness, we come to worship our God!**

Leader: Praise to the Lord, our God! Awe and wonder belongs to God!

**People: With trust and confidence, we come to worship our God!**

Leader: Praise to the Lord, our God! We delight in our God!

**People: In faith, hope and expectation, we come to worship our God!**

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

The Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Radiant God, You are the vibrant light that leads us to life in all its fullness; You are the light that takes the harsh sting out of fear and uncertainty; and You are the light that helps us in our choices, our options and priorities in life.

**People: We offer our praises God, for Your gracious goodness.**

Leader: God, our leader, You are the guide that shows us the path of justice and mercy; You are the guide that takes us by the hand to lead us in the direction of trust and confidence in Your goodness; and You are the guide that teaches us about living with our brothers and sisters in peace and contentment, and not being anxious by the need for 'things'.

**People: We offer our praises God, for Your gracious wisdom.**

Leader: Unsparing God, You are the generous giver that gives us many blessings and mercies; who shows love for Your children; You are the generous giver that enriches our life with the blessings of love given and received; of forgiveness offered, received, and shared; and the generous giver of courage and endurance, to enable us to live faithfully each day, following Your commands.

**People: We offer our praises God, for Your gracious bounty.**

Leader: Compassionate God, hear our prayers for people who turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to Your teachings, who through their self-centeredness, are unable to see Your generosity as a gift; and who seek to exploit Your goodness to their own advantage.

**People: We offer our praises God, for Your gracious forgiveness. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Faithfulness

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

Robert Ray

The Call to Grateful Living

\*The Songs of Thanksgiving

***Salvation Belongs to Our God  
The Stand***

**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.**

Psalms 112:1-10

The Message

**"The Responsibility of Blessings"**

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

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Mark Hayes

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Song

***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*O Worship the King*

Dan Forrest

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Jeff Watson, Braden Riha; Organ – Beth Sweers; Chancel Choir; Soloists - Lou Stelma, Wayne Jordan; Ensemble - Ed Messenger, Warren Friesen, Bob Brower, Steve Lenhard, Toby Hollen, Rick Dragicevich; Praise Team

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**TODAY at FRC**

Welcome to First Reformed Church in Grandville on this Fifth Sunday in the season of Epiphany! The season of Epiphany is the time in the church year when we encounter scriptures that tell us who God is. Think "season of discovery." How is God making Himself manifest in your life? Today we will consider that God's blessings far outweigh the woes in life. If you are visiting, a warm welcome to you. 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. Education for all ages awaits us all following our worship service today. We hope you can join us!

**NEXT SUNDAY: "True Happiness"; Psalm 119:1-8**

**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

11:00am - **Sunday School**

### Adult

- **The Reformation “solos”** - with Rev. David Bast in the upstairs adult ed room
- Jr. & Sr. High** - Youth Lounge
- 1st - 6th grades** - following worship in the downstairs assembly room

## HELPERS TODAY

Nursery Today:      Check In:      Kim Cline  
                                 Infant:      Marlene McKian, Paige Crame  
                                 Toddler:      Jill, Claire, Megan Crame

Nursery Next Week:      Check In:      Deb Timmer  
                                 Infant:      Nicole Malnar, Rachael Barone  
                                 Toddler:      Phil Malnar, Ben McCarty, Hannah Barone

Ushers Today:      Greg Noorman      Ken Ploeg      Tony Williams      Matt Jolink  
Ushers Next Week:      Steve Westrick      Bob Stelma      Chris Bajema      Charlie Kleinheksel

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Coffee Servers:	Ken & Barb VanderHeide Glenn & Eileen Zwart	Dave & Judy Yonkers John & Tymarie Boeve
Greeters:	Ken & Barb VanderHeide	Dave & Judy Yonkers Dave BanderBee

### Stewardship Update – February 9, 2020

Feb. 2 Offering:      \$ 10,702.00  
Feb. 2 Online Giving:      \$ 1,357.00  
Miscellaneous Offering:      \$ 1,380.00  
Total Offering for week Feb. 2:      \$ 13,439.00  
February Total:      \$ 13,439.00  
February Goal:      \$ 80,000.00  
**Outstanding Mortgage Balance**      \$351,186.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

A detailed financial report is available in the church office.

The **Food Pantry** is in need of Applesauce, pudding, canned meats (ex: tuna, spam, chicken), canned tomatoes, canned fruit, pancake mix & syrup. 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:

- **Nelly Baak**, a patient at Blodgett.
- **Laurie Dragicevich**, recovering from knee replacement.
- **Dennis Hodges**, recovering from foot and calf surgery.
- **Karin Dykstra**, having brain surgery February 18.
- **Judy Baartman**, at home and preparing to move to North Carolina.
- **Jack Kosten**, at home.
- **Continued prayers for: Marie Roos, Doug Koster, David Timmerman, Roy DeJonge, Ed Kingma, 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  
**FAH Birthday** - Feb. 15, Dorothy VanderLaan, Brookcrest, 3400 Wilson Ave., Rm. 313, Grandville, 49418.  
Feb. 16 - Vern Boss, Waterford Place Assisted Living, 1725 Port Sheldon #D-211, Jenison, 49428.

### **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. 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).

**College Scholarships:** Scholarship forms are available in the office or online. These are for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2020. They are due in the office no later than **Friday, April 10, at noon.**

**Young Life Pickleball Tournament** - March 28. Register online at [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com)

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

9:00am Staff meeting  
6:30pm Facilities Council - Steve Westrick - 893-6838  
7:00pm Worship Council - Denise Poll - 340-5325  
7:27pm Grandville High School Young Life in the Family Life Center

### TUESDAY

9:30am Anna Circle - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784  
2:30pm Institute for Cultural Communications in the Family Life Center  
6:00pm Praise Team - Barb Nienhuis - 485-3417  
6:30pm Handbells - Patty Pratt - 708-302-6327

### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study - Dave Lidgard - 914-8149  
9:30am Women in the Word, *Walking in the Desert*, pp. 55-69 + video - 534-5465  
5:30-6:15pm FOCUS supper - Ham Dinner  
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](mailto: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

### THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba  
9:00am Men's Bible Study - Chuck Porte - 261-4402 - Rev. David Bast will lead the discussion based upon Romans 6:1-7. The study guide helps explain this scripture in chapter 6 titled, "Why Christians Obey God". Please visit this vital Bible study!  
Noon Prime Timers' Potluck - Nancy Matthews - 538-0513  
7:15pm Volleyball

### SATURDAY

10:30am Happier Hour

### Advanced Calendar

Feb. 16 - The Not So Newlywed/Family All Church Game Show and Luncheon  
Feb. 16 - A Workshop: Overconsumption and How We Can Fight Back - The issue of plastics with Kin Ma and Vern Hoffman  
Feb. 17 - Consistory  
Feb. 18 - WyldLife - Abbie Chamberlain - [abbie.chamberlain@harborchurches.org](mailto:abbie.chamberlain@harborchurches.org)  
Feb. 19 - Family Night  
Feb. 21 - MomBreak - Diane Katsma - [Mombreakmk@yahoo.com](mailto:Mombreakmk@yahoo.com) or 616-291-2443  
Feb. 23 - Disability team meeting - Angie Walker  
Feb. 25 - Anna Circle - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784  
Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Service  
Feb. 27 - Men's Bible Study - Chuck Porte - 261-4402  
Mar. 1 - Inquirer's class begins  
Mar. 1 - Collision - Jeff Watson - 250-7148 or [jeffw@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org)  
Mar. 3 - Esther Circle - Joyce Bolthouse - 643-8223

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**1st-6th Grade BINGO** – Every January and February our children's ministry department has a fun extra activity for 1st-6th graders – 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! The BINGO sheets are available on the table outside of the assembly room downstairs.

**Young 3's class** - This class is for children who turned 3 after September 2019 or will turn 3 by September 2020. This class will be held in room #109 downstairs and is offered upon arrival to church until the end of the church service. If a parent is staying for an adult Sunday school class after worship, then their Young 3 would join the nursery after worship. ?'s contact Angie Walker 616-828-6580 or [angie@firstgrandville.org](mailto:angie@firstgrandville.org)

**Vacation Bible School** – instead of our traditional week of VBS this summer, we are in the process of creatively coming up with some more cost-effective ways to reach out in our community. Stay tuned to what dates/activities we will do this summer! If you'd like to be a part of this planning team, let Angie Walker know.

**NEXT WEEK SUNDAY** – the 1st-6th Grade FOCUS kids will be helping lead the worship service. Please have your 1st - 6th grade child(ren) to the downstairs assembly room by **9:05 am** on Sunday, February 16th. They will be sitting together during the worship service so you do not need to save them a seat. After worship, they will go to the Activity Center for their snack before the Game Show starts at 11:00am.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**7th - 10th graders** Sunday School meets in the Youth Lounge following worship.

**Junior & Senior discipleship groups** are happening twice a month.

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

**Sr. High Youth Group** (9th - 12th graders) - TODAY from 6:15pm - 8:00pm in the Family Life Center. Pizza provided.

**Collision** (5th & 6th graders) - Next Collision is March 1 from noon to 1:30pm in the Family Life Center.

**Youth mission trip** - The high school youth group is going to Washington D.C. June 14th - 20th. Please pray for them as they plan for the trip. **Deposit of \$100 due Sunday, February 9.**

### Youth Mission Trip fundraiser:

- **Pop can drive** - There is a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans. **Thank you** to all who have been contributing...we really appreciate it!
- FOCUS fundraiser **taco bar dinner** - February 19.

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

**Instagram** - First Reformed Youth

**Facebook** - First Reformed Youth

**Grandville High School Young Life** - meets at church at 7:27pm.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Prime Time Pot Luck is Thursday, February 13 at noon** - Please join us for a good meal and to hear from Al Johnson who is a World War II veteran who served as a member of the OSS, Office of Strategic Services, a forerunner of the CIA. Al has a fascinating story to tell of his time deep inside France fighting with the French Underground against the German forces and then about his time spent in China fighting against the Japanese. He has written a book, ***Behind Enemy Lines***, which is in our church library and will be available to purchase at the pot luck. Al and his wife, Jean live in Hudsonville, Michigan.

**The Not So Newlywed/Family All Church Game Show and Luncheon** - next Sunday, February 16 - at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. On game day there will be lots of laughter, raffle prizes for all ages and loads of FUN! If you haven't come to a game show before, try this one! We will play two games - the first with 4 married couples of various years of wedded bliss and the second with teams of related individuals such as mother/son, grandfather/granddaughter, etc. (sign up at Sign Up center if interested in being a team). Come and learn interesting facts about people in our church, possibly win a prize and then stay for a luncheon served afterwards! Any questions? Contact Lynne Rosema at [trosema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trosema@sbcglobal.net).

**Family Night** - Wednesday, February 19, for First Reformed Church and Maple Tree Preschool Families (and the community!) 5:30-6:30 Youth Group Taco Bar Fundraiser Dinner, 6:30-8:00 nursery available for 0- 3 year olds., 6:30-8:00 preschool – 6th grader's will have a spoonful of fun with the musical comedian, "The Spoon Man" in the Maple Tree Preschool room. 6:45-7:45 parents will have a presentation by "Protect Young Eyes" and will learn how to protect and guide your kids in the digital age, family digital safety, and equipping kids in an increasingly hostile digital world. This presentation will be held in the Assembly Room downstairs. SIGN UP at the sign up center OR on the link on our Church Facebook page.

**Disability Team Meeting** will be Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm in the small adult education room upstairs, with lunch provided. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please let Casey Dutmer or Angie Walker know.

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be held this year on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Blood Drive** - We will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 4, 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)

**A New Inquirers' Class**...will begin March 1 during the Sunday School hour at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. The class will last for 4 Sundays (through March 29 not including March 22) and is designed to help you determine if First Reformed Church is the place for you! People interested in membership or just wanting more information about the RCA or First Reformed Church are encouraged to attend this class. We will discuss theology, church programming, expectations, history, and what it means to belong to the Reformed Church in America. At the end of the class, participants will have an opportunity to join our family of faith. Please let us know if you'd like to be a part of this class by notifying the church office ([mail@firstgrandville.org](mailto:mail@firstgrandville.org)) or 534-5465 or Pastor Bud at [bud@firstgrandville.org](mailto:bud@firstgrandville.org).

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

## VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Men's or boys' shorts, any size** - We are collecting these to send to Haiti. You can place donations in the box under the mailslots. Questions? Contact Joyce Bolthouse - 643-8223.



