

Lent I
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
March 1, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Dale Wood

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to the house of our God.

People: We come together in peace and in love.

Leader: Welcome to this house of worship.

People: We worship in hope and with grace.

Leader: Welcome to our community of faith.

People: We are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Friends, let us worship our God!

*The Hymn of Praise

O Love, How Deep, How Broad

*The Greeting

The Children's Moment

The Confession of Sin

Leader: We hear the good news of forgiveness and restoration but we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

People: Gracious God, we do not follow in Your ways. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. You bless us with great grace, yet, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love, as we step out of our shadows into Your light.

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news - God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

People: Our gracious God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Song of Preparation

Mighty to Save

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.

Romans 5:12-21

The Message

"The Old and New Adam"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Meaning of the Sacrament

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread

Feed Us, Lord

Greg Scheer

The Sharing of the Cup

And Can It Be

Thomas Campbell, arr. Dan Forrest

(Today we will be served in our seats. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served.)

The Song of Thanksgiving

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

(The communion offering will be received during the song.)

The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

James Pethel

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Pastor Matt Cook, Kevin Meyer; Organ – Beth Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

TODAY at FRC

Welcome to First Reformed Church in Grandville on this First Sunday in the season of Lent! The season of Lent is 40 days long (they don't count the Sundays!). The name of the season comes from the lengthening of days. It is a time of introspection, self-examination, and preparation for the passion of our Lord as well as receiving the Risen Christ on Easter morning. We come to the Lord's Table today, where all who love the Lord Jesus are welcome to join us (including children who understand that Jesus loves them). 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. Educational opportunities are available for all ages at 11:00, including an Inquirers' Class for those who might want to consider making First Reformed Church their church home. All are welcome! We hope you can join us!

NEXT SUNDAY: "Does Your Help Come From the Lord?"; Psalm 121

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.

11:00am - **Sunday School**

Adult

A Workshop - Overconsumption and How We Can Fight Back - Simple living: Shopping and spending plus the DVD, "The Story of Stuff" in the upstairs adult ed room

Jr. & Sr. High - Youth Lounge

1st - 6th grades - following worship in the downstairs assembly room

11:00am - **Inquirer's class** in Pastor Bud's office

Noon - **Collision**

6:15pm - **Sr. High Youth Group**

HELPERS TODAY

Nursery Today:	Check In:	Kim Cline
	Infant:	Robin VanPortfliet, Eva VanEck
	Toddler:	Julie Haverkamp, Ellie Kleinheksel, Emmerson Roberts
Nursery Next Week:	Check In:	Deb Timmer
	Infant:	Marlene McKian, Paige Crame
	Toddler:	Stephanie Lancto, 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:	Nate & Ashley VanDyk	Ron & Sheryl See
	Holly Bolhouse	Kin & Hyunsook Ma
Greeters:	Bill & Pam Ritsema	Ron & Sheryl See
	Dave VanderBee	Kin & Hyunsook Ma

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.

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
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:

- **Mike Longcore**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Jim Baer**, recovering from Achilles surgery.
- **Karin Dykstra**, recovering from brain surgery.
- **Continued prayers for: Dennis Hodges, Laurie Dragicevich, Jack Kosten, David Timmerman, Roy DeJonge, Shirley Ghysels, Curt Stoel, Todd Waddell, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons**

Congratulations to:

- **Kyle, Kristen & Emma Russell**, at the birth of a baby girl, Abigail Lynn, on February 18.

We Extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **To the family and friends of Nelly Baak**, who passed away on February 24. Funeral arrangements will be in a few weeks through Cook Funeral Home.

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** - 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
New address - Judy Baartman; Vista Springs Riverside; 2420 Coit Ave. N.E., Rm. #11; GR 49505.

New address for Pat Marcusse - Lakeside Vista, 340 W. 40th St., Holland, MI 49423, 616-481-1160

Stewardship Update – March 1, 2020

Feb. 23 Offering:	\$ 11,805.00
Feb. 23 Online Giving:	\$ 3,147.00
Miscellaneous Offering:	\$ 2,869.00
Total Offering for week Feb. 23:	\$ 17,821.00
February Total:	\$ 69,367.00
February Goal:	\$ 80,000.00
*Average monthly offering needed:	\$ 73,650.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$351,186.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301	

A detailed 2020 budget is available in the church office.

Lost and Found - Reading glasses left after Prime Timers' Potluck.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:00pm Calvin Christian High School Young Life in the Family Life Center

TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle - Lesson 9 - Joyce Bolthouse - 643-8223
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
7:27pm WyldLife - Abbie Chamberlain - abbie.chamberlain@harborchurches.org

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study - Dave Lidgard - 914-8149
9:30am Women in the Word, *Walking with God* pp. 76-89- 534-5465
3:30-7:00pm Blood Drive in the Parlor
5:30-6:15pm FOCUS supper - Chicken squares
6:30-8:00pm FOCUS/Children's Choirs & class for children grades 1 - 6 - Barb Nienhuis - 485-3417
5:00-8:00pm 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
7:15pm Volleyball

FRIDAY

9:30am MomBreak - Diane Katsma - Mombreakmk@yahoo.com or 616-291-2443

SATURDAY

10:30am Happier Hour

Advanced Calendar

Mar. 8 - Local Mission Council - Warren Friesen - 450-3833
Mar. 9 - Facilities Council - Steve Westrick - 893-6838
Mar. 9 - Worship Council - Denise Poll - 340-5325
Mar. 10 - Anna Circle - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784
Mar. 12 - Men's Bible Study - Chuck Porte - 261-4402
Mar. 13 - MomBreak - Diane Katsma - Mombreakmk@yahoo.com or 616-291-2443
Mar. 13 - Ladies' Game Night - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784

Finance Update - At our February Consistory meeting the Deacons presented a proposal to pay off the \$40,000 loan to cover last year's budget short fall. This loan was to help pay the last half of our missionaries' salary support in 2019. The proposal is to designate Sunday, March 15 to have a special offering to help eliminate this debt. Please pray about this request and consider a gift (in addition to your regular giving) to help us retire this debt soon. Please bring these special over and above gifts on March 15 or drop them off at the church office anytime. Make sure they are clearly marked for this special offering.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children in Worship (age 3 by 9/1/19 - kindergarten) - Children can be brought to Room 113 South after 9:15 and picked up from their classroom at 11:45am.

1st - 6th grade Sunday School - meets in the downstairs assembly room following worship.

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Junior & Senior discipleship groups are happening twice a month.

Collision (5th & 6th graders) - TODAY from noon to 1:30pm in the Family Life Center. Next Collision will be March 29.

Jr. High Youth Group (7th & 8th graders) - going to Craigs Cruisers. Meet at the Youth Lounge at 5:00pm and we will return by 8:00. Cost is \$25. We will be going to Servant's Community Church on March 11. We will meet in the Youth Lounge at 4:45pm. Pick your kids up at 8:00pm at the Youth Lounge. Pizza will be provided for dinner after we serve. Please bring a dish or two to serve to the Servant's community.

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

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.

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!
- **Thank you** to all who came to our taco bar fundraising dinner Wednesday... We raised \$1000!

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 7:27pm at the home of the Connelly's.

Lent Devotions - We'd like to encourage you to sign up for the RCA Lent Devotions. This year they were written by various disability advocates in the RCA. Here is a link to sign up for them to be sent to your email each-day: <https://www.rca.org/resources/lent-devotions>.

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.

Children's Ministry Fundraiser - Grab your family, grandkids, neighbor's kids & join us at Chuck E Cheese on Tuesday, March 10th anytime between 3 pm – 9 pm and 15-20% of the sales will go towards Children's Ministry. There is a flier in your mailslot with more information.

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.

Maple Tree Preschool Signs - If you live in a neighborhood filled with young children, would you be willing to place a sign in your yard? You will find the signs in the church office.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

A New Inquirers' Class...will begin **TODAY** at 11:00 in Pastor Bud's office. 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) or 534-5465 or Pastor Bud at bud@firstgrandville.org.

LADIES' GAME NIGHT - Friday, March 13 at 6:45 in the Youth Lounge. If you are a lady in the church (high school girls and older), like to talk OR want to get to know other ladies in the church OR like to play games OR like to eat dessert - then you **MUST** come to our game night. This will be a time of chit chat, games (BUNKO and others), FUN, prizes and just being together as ladies. If you don't want to play the game that's ok - just come for the food and fellowship - there is something for every lady! Please sign up at the Sign Up Center so we know how much food and supplies we will need. Any questions, please contact Lynne Rosema.

