

Lent II
The Sacrament of Infant Baptism
March 8, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude *Children's Song Medley* M. Hayes, arr. D. Wagner

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise #50 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*The Call to Worship from Psalm 121

Leader: From where does our help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Leader: Let us join together and worship the Lord, our Maker.

*The Songs of Praise *I Lift My Eyes Up to the Mountains
God So Loved*

*The Greeting

The Children's Moment

The Sacrament of Baptism
The Scriptural Mandate
The Meaning of the Sacrament
The Vows of the Parents
The Vows of the Congregation

*The Apostles' Creed

The Baptism

The Blessing

The Congregational Welcome: **The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

The Baptism Song *One Generation Will Call to the Next*

Our Prayer for God's Purity (*spoken together*)

Maker of heaven and earth, You know our hearts and minds, every word we say and every thought in our minds; You know all the good and all the evil within us. Purify our hearts and minds, and keep us from all evil; keep our lives in our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving #21 *How Great Thou Art*

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.

Psalm 121

The Message **"Does Your Help Come From the Lord?"**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

They Shall Soar Like Eagles
(based on Isaiah 40:29-31)

Laura Manzo

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song *Happy Day*

*Our Faith Confessed from the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all our sins with His precious blood, and has set us free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over us in such a way that not a hair can fall from our head without the will of our Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for our salvation.

People: Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organ – Beth Sweers; Flute - Becca Hollen; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

NEXT SUNDAY: "Quench Your Thirst"; John 4:1-26

TODAY at FRC

Welcome to First Reformed Church in Grandville on this Second 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 baptismal font today, where we will baptize Rowan Jade Elenbaas, infant daughter of Kyleigh and Ryan Elenbaas. 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. All are welcome! We hope you can join us!

TODAY at FRC

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 - Vision 2020 with Kathy Carpenter 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

11:00am - Local Mission Council meeting

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

HELPERS TODAY

Nursery Today:	Check In:	Deb Timmer
	Infant:	Marlene McKian, Paige Crame
	Toddler:	Stephanie Lancto, Claire & Megan Crame
Nursery Next Week:	Check In:	Kim Cline
	Infant:	Nicole Malnar, Naomi Diekman
	Toddler:	Phil Malnar, Matthew Singer, Ben McCarty

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:	Ron & Sheryl See	Chuck & Orlene Porte
	Kin & Hyunsook Ma	Jon & Kathy Carpenter
Greeters:	Ron & Sheryl See	Chuck & Orlene Porte
	Kin & Hyunsook Ma	Roger & Cathy Tuinstra

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 at home.
- **Karin Dykstra**, rehabbing from brain surgery at SKLD.
- **Judy Baartman**, recovering from pneumonia.
- **Kaitlin Kremers Lyons**, recovering from surgery for glioblastoma.
- Daughter of a friend of the Van Eck family, **Bree (age 9)**, recovering from surgery on a brain tumor.
- **Continued prayers for: Jack Kosten, David Timmerman, Roy DeJonge, Shirley Ghysels, Curt Stoel, Todd Waddell**

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

Stewardship Update – March 8, 2020

Mar. 1 Offering: \$ 11,191.00

Mar. 1 Online Giving: \$ 1,257.00

Miscellaneous Offering: \$ 4,730.00

Total Offering for week Mar. 1: \$ 17,178.00

March Total: \$ 17,178.00

March Goal: \$ 73,500.00

*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.

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 eachday: <https://www.rca.org/resources/lent-devotions>.

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

9:00am

Staff meeting

6:30pm

Facilities Council - Steve Westrick - 893-6838

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

3:00-9:00pm

Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser for Children's Ministries

6:00pm

Zumba in the Family Life Center

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 with God*, 534-5465

5:30-6:15pm

FOCUS supper - Pulled pork

5:45pm

Praise Team - Barb Nienhuis - 485-3417

6:30-8:00pm

FOCUS/Children's Choirs & class for children grades 1 - 6 - Barb Nienhuis - 485-3417

4:45-8:00pm

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

THURSDAY

9:00am

Zumba

9:00am

Men's Bible Study - Chuck Porte - 261-4402 - Mark Davis will lead the lesson based on Romans 8:1-17. Study guides will be available when we meet. See you there!

7:15pm

Volleyball

FRIDAY

9:30am

MomBreak - Diane Katsma - Mombreakmk@yahoo.com or 616-291-2443

6:45pm

Ladies' Game Night - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784

SATURDAY

10:30am

Happier Hour

Advanced Calendar

Mar. 15 - A Workshop - Overconsumption and how we can fight back - with a conversation on climate by Michigan Power and Light

Mar 16 - Consistory

Mar. 17 - WyldLife - Abbie Chamberlain - abbie.chamberlain@harborchurches.org

Mar. 22 - Youth Sunday Service followed by youth mission trip fundraiser lunch

Mar. 22 - Disability team meeting

Mar. 25 - Last night of FOCUS until fall

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday, March 8, 15, and 29:

Nursery and Children in Worship - 9:30-11:45

Young 3's 9:30 - end of worship service

1st-6th Sunday School after worship - 11:45 am

Sunday, March 22nd (Youth Sunday)

9:15 - end of worship Nursery*

9:15 - end of worship Young 3's*

9:15 - end of worship Children in Worship*

NO 1st-6th Grade Sunday School this week*

*AFTER WORSHIP the youth will be serving a fundraiser brunch so we encourage families to attend this together.

No Sunday School April 5 and 12 due to Spring Break and Easter. On Easter, kids will be given a special Easter bag with treats after the worship service.

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) - Next Collision will be March 29 from noon to 1:30pm in the Family Life Center.

Jr. High Youth Group (7th & 8th graders) - On Wednesday, we will be going to Servant's Community Church. 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 Sunday Service followed by **Youth Fundraiser Brunch** to raise money for the summer mission trip to Washington D.C. is March 22.

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.

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 church.

VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Collection for Haiti - Esther Circle will be collecting some things for Haiti. Boys', girls', men's and women's shorts, any size up to size large. We will also collect Beanie Babies, or small stuffed animals. They are given to the kids in the hospital for comfort pals. They can be placed in the tubs under the mailboxes. 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

Nominations for Consistory - We've begun the nominating process for four elders and four deacons. There are nominating ballots on the bulletin table in the Narthex. Please pick up a ballot and offer your suggestion of persons you feel have the servant leadership skills to serve in one of the positions. Please pray for the people you suggest to the committee. Once you have completed your form place it in the nominations box in the Narthex or give it to a member. The 2020 Nominating committee: Warren Friesen-Chair, Denise Poll, Jeff Buit, Ken Smith, Michele Barone, Stephanie Holleman, Dave VanderMeer, Steve Watson

MEMORIAL EASTER PLANTS - This Easter we will again purchase potted spring flowers to decorate the church for our worship celebration. You are welcome to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory of a relative or friend or in thanksgiving for a friend or relative. Their name will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. There are forms in your mailslots to fill out and submit to the office along with \$15 per plant by March 25. After the Easter service we ask that you take your plant home.

Disability Team Meeting – March 22nd 11:30 am in adult ed room upstairs – anyone welcome to join – contact Casey Dutmer with questions email him at casey354@comcast.net or call him at 616-450-6429

ADVANCE NOTICE for families - There will be a children and communion training on Sunday, April 19th from 12:00-1 pm with pizza lunch provided. If you are interested in this training, please contact Pastor Bud, Angie Walker or sign-up in the sign-up center

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.

