

Lent III
March 15, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude *Kum Ba Yah* African American Spiritual, arr. John Wilson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

*The Call to Worship

Leader: We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,
who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

People: Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty, says Jesus our Lord; come, all who are weak, taste the living water that I shall give. Dip your hands in the stream, refresh your body and soul,

People: Drink from it, depend on it, for this water will never run dry.

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty, says Jesus our Lord.

Come, be renewed and refreshed by the Spirit of the living Christ.

*The Songs of Praise

***All Who Are Thirsty
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***

*The Greeting

The Children's Moment

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, we live in a spiritual wasteland, and thirst for pleasures that do not satisfy.

People: We grumble about the life we are given, and complain though we are surrounded by Your greatest gifts.

Leader: We cling to our old ways, without regard for the evil in them.

People: We are rarely ready to accept Your grace or to extend grace to others.

Leader: We reject even Your living water because it means we would have to change.

People: Forgive the sin we recognize. Save us from the sin we hide.

Leader: The Lord, our Maker does indeed provide all our needs.
Though God knows all our sin, He chooses to redeem.

People: God has sent His Son to give us the living water.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Assurance of God's Love

O Love

George Matheson, Elaine Hagenberg

The Call to Grateful Living

Leader: Merciful God, set Christ's cross between our souls and our sins.

Give us assurance that we are pardoned, healed, restored, forgiven.

People: And by Christ's grace raise us to new heights of obedience and good and glorious living. Amen.

*The Song of Preparation

How Sweet the Sound

The Prayer for Illumination

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Scripture Lesson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

John 4:1-26

The Message

"Quench Your Thirst"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Way Maker

*The Offertory Prayer and the Benediction

*The Postlude

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

J.B. Konig, arr. M. Burkhardt

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Maddie Kievit, Kathy Geurink, Pastor Bud Pratt; Organ – Beth Sweers; Cello - Kevin Sweers; Bells of Joy; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

NEXT SUNDAY: Youth Sunday

TODAY at FRC

Welcome to First Reformed Church in Grandville on this Third 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 welcome Youth Pastor Jeff Watson to the pulpit today. 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!

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

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

HELPERS TODAY

Nursery Today:	Check In:	Kim Cline		
	Infant:	Nicole Malnar, Naomi Diekman		
	Toddler:	Phil Malnar, Matthew Singer, Ben McCarty		
Nursery Next Week:	Check In:	Deb Timmer		
	Infant:	Robin VanPortfliet		
	Toddler:	Stephanie Lancto, Claire & Megan Crame		
Ushers Today:	Steve Westrick	Bob Stelma	Chris Bajema	Charlie Kleinheksel
Ushers Next Week:	Kim Brinks	Brenden Wolford	Bill Ritsema	Jeff Sonnema
	<u>Today</u>		<u>Next Week</u>	
Coffee Servers:	Chuck & Orlene Porte		Dan & Ann Venema	
	Jon & Kathy Carpenter		Hans & Liana Dulimarta	
Greeters:	Chuck & Orlene Porte		Dan & Ann Venema	
	Roger & Cathy Tuinstra		Hans & Liana Dulimarta	

Stewardship Update – March 15, 2020

Mar. 8 Offering:	\$ 8,816.00
Mar. 8 Online Giving:	\$ 2,957.00
Miscellaneous Offering:	\$ 357.00
Total Offering for week Mar. 8:	\$ 12,130.00
March Total:	\$ 29,308.00
March Goal:	\$ 73,500.00
*Average monthly offering needed:	\$ 73,650.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$351,186.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301	

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:

- **Roy DeJonge**, having surgery March 23.
- **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**

Congratulations to:

- **Kimberlee (VanPortfliet)Start and Colt Start** on their marriage March 7th.

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
FAH Birthday - March 18 - Lois Wing, Waterford Place, 1725 Port Sheldon, B-304, Jenison, 49428

March 4 Blood Drive Results:

Goal: 17

Number of Donors: 13

Successful Donations: 9 whole blood, 2 double red, 1 plasma = 14

Welcome First Time Donor Jason Ward!

Congratulations to Wayne Jordan on 10 Gallons!!!

Lives saved in our community: 32

We are looking forward to our next blood drive on Wednesday, May 27!

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:30pm

Elders/deacons meet

7:30pm

Consistory

8:00pm

Calvin Christian Young Life in the Family Life Center

TUESDAY

1:00pm

Grandville Ladies Literary Club

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*, 534-5465

5:30-6:15pm

FOCUS supper - Swedish meatballs

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

7:15pm

Volleyball

SATURDAY

10:30am

Happier Hour

11:00am

Youth Sunday rehearsal

Advanced Calendar

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

Mar. 22 - Disability team meeting

Mar. 24 - Anna Circle - Lynne Rosema - 901-5784

Mar. 25 - Last night of FOCUS until fall

Mar. 26 - Men's Bible Study - Chuck Porte - 261-4402

Mar. 27 - MomBreak - Diane Katsma - Mombreakmk@yahoo.com or 616-291-2443

Apr. 1 - Global Mission Council - Jeff Muller - 889-5187

Apr. 7 - Esther Circle - Joyce Bolthouse - 643-8223

A Workshop - Overconsumption and how we can fight back - will be canceled until further notice.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday, March 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) - 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.

Youth Sunday Service followed by **Youth Fundraiser Brunch** to raise money for the summer mission trip to Washington D.C. is next Sunday, March 22.

Youth Sunday rehearsal - Saturday, March 21:

10:00am - Praise team, instrumentalists
11:00am - All youth

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 DeCook's home.

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.

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.

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. Today is the 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 today or drop them off at the church office anytime. Make sure they are clearly marked for this special offering.

