

The Season of Pentecost

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

For All the Saints

Ralph Vaughan Williams, setting by Greg Bottomley

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 34

Speaker #1: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

Speaker #2: Fear the Lord, you His holy ones, for those who fear Him have no wants.

Speaker #1: Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Speaker #2: The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

*The Songs of Praise

King of Kings
Salvation Belongs to Our God

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram
Adrian Howard, Pat Turner

Our Call to God

Speaker #1: The Bible tells us in Revelation 7 that there was a great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne, robed in white. I want to be in that multitude. What do I have to do to be included?

Speaker #2: This multitude does not include people who just believe in a certain way or claim they keep the commandments. It includes people whose lives have been changed, their attitudes, their value system; it includes people who have come to know Jesus, to listen to Him, to follow Him, imitate His way of life; those who have experienced a profound conversion.

Jesus, when He saw a multitude around Him, taught His disciples the Beatitudes as part of the Sermon on the Mount. The people that Jesus describes in the Beatitudes includes those blessed by God and included in that great multitude revealed in Revelation 7.

God's Response to Us

Incorporating Matthew 5:1-12

Speaker #1: When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. Then He began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Speaker #2: We must come before the Lord: broken, humble, empty of pride, with a confession that we are sinful and lack moral virtues; we are in spiritual poverty.

Speaker #1: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Speaker #2: We mourn when we experience deep grief for our sins. King David sets the example of this as he mourned in repentance for his sins with Bathsheba.

Speaker #1: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Speaker #2: Meekness is humility toward God and toward others. Paul urges meekness when he tells us to "live a life worthy of the calling we have received. Be humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Speaker #1: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Speaker #2: The person who hungers and thirsts for righteousness seeks God's kingdom above everything else. It is the one who can say; "It is well with my soul."

Speaker #1: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Speaker #2: Our salvation is an act of God's mercy. He saved us not because of any righteousness we have done, but because of His mercy.

Speaker #1: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Speaker #2: Being pure in heart involves having a singleness of heart toward God. A pure heart has no hidden motives. It is more than an external purity of behavior; it is an internal purity of spirit.

Speaker #1: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

Speaker #2: Jesus laid down His life to make peace between God and sinners. When we bring the message of peace to others, we are peacemakers.

Speaker #1: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Speaker #2: Jesus is not offering a blessing to victims of persecution for just any right cause. Righteousness means more than just being a good person, Jesus is offering His blessing to those persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Let your light shine before others that they may glorify our Father in heaven.

Speakers together: **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.**

The Recognition of the Saints
The Memorial Prayer
*The Hymn of Gratitude

For All the Saints

William How, Ralph Vaughan Williams

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Revelation 7:9-17

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Learning from the Saints"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Affirmation of Faith

By Faith

Kristyn Getty, Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE, arr. Hal H. Hopson

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – June Williams, Tony Williams; Organ – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

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Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – November 1, 2020

Week of October 26

October 25 Collection plate: \$ 5,608.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,697.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 2,080.00

Total Offering: \$ 11,385.00

October Total: \$ 56,978.00

October Goal: \$ 70,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$286,578.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Ferris

81 on the 2nd

Leonora Smit

87 on the 12th

Chuck Porte

84 on the 11th

Gerald Brouwer

84 on the 22th

THANK YOU...

...so much for all the great soap you sent. The liquid soap is very special too. Wow, what great timing. We were about a bar or two from being out. This week we're hosting camp for the Renault older boys and have already put the soap you just sent to use. All is well here. Thanks for all your encouragement in being involved in the ministry. The soaps are a great encouragement.

God bless, Debbie, Rod and Katie

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:

- **Jeff VanDuinen**, recovering from knee replacement.
- Bryce & Ali Lutke's baby girl, **Emery Jane**, is in the NICU due to premature birth.
- **BJ Veneklasen**, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is going through chemo and bone marrow testing.
- **Karen Diekema**, recovering from foot surgery.
- **Terry Jolink**, home recovering from COVID.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- **Kathy Kermeen** (Sue Kehr's sister), tested positive for Covid.
- **Rikki Leanne DePuy**, 24 year old granddaughter of Richard DePuy, is recovering from a broken neck and on a ventilator in Greenville Nursing Home.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by the **Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Roy DeJonge, Janet Pofahl, Curt Stoel, Lois Sweers, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **Mike & Mary Elenbaas**, at the death of Mike's father, Peter Elenbaas, on October 24.

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** – Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Vern & Norma Boss, Milo Buikema, Sharon Bouwman, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei
FAH Birthdays: November 27 - Helen Dertien – Sunset Manor, 725 Baldwin St., #2046, Jenison, 49428
November 29 - Pat Marcusse – 5106 Ridge Ct., Hudsonville, 49426

SERVICE PROJECT DRIVE-THRU – TODAY, from 2:00-4:00pm – You will be able to pick up a service project packet (card making material for making Christmas cards for the Family at Home and missionaries and the next Family Bible Lesson packet. You will also be able to drop off pop cans for youth mission trip fundraiser, turkeys for LaCasa, and items for the Thanksgiving Day offering for the Domestic Crisis Center. There will be a pre-wrapped treat and drink for everyone who comes through.

BIBLE READING ZOOM CLASS

Each Wednesday through the middle of December, Pastor Bud is hosting a ZOOM virtual Bible reading of the Gospel of John at 6:30 PM for 45 minutes or so. Fellowship time is included at the beginning of each session. An all-church email is sent on Tuesdays for you to join us through a ZOOM link.

CHURCH CAMP-OUT

Are you interested in joining your church family for a fun weekend of camping this summer at Cran Hill Ranch July 16-18? Sign up by sending an email to Cheryl DeVries at youravoncheryl@gmail.com. Let her know your family name, the type of camper or tent, the # of kids in your family & their ages by **November 1** to reserve your spot!.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LaCasa Turkey Drive - LaCasa will, once again be collecting turkeys for Thanksgiving to bless local families connected to their ministry. Please bring turkeys to church and we will freeze them until their distribution.

The Other Way Christmas Store - Time to think about donating gifts for "The Other Way" Christmas Store! We need to deliver our donated gifts by Monday, December 7, so they have time to shop for Christmas! You can place your gifts in the box in the narthex. You can find more information about this in an upcoming all church email or email mail@firstgrandville.org and we can email you the information.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - The Domestic Crisis Center (DCC) is a safe haven for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. We will plan to gather food and/or household items from now until Thanksgiving. You can donate any kind of non-perishable food item, cleaning and paper products, diapers and wipes, over-the-counter adult cold medicines, personal care items, notebooks, pencils and even gloves and mittens! There is a list of their most needed items attached to the bulletin. The items will be delivered to DCC on Friday, November 27. You can leave your donated items on the table in the narthex any time until Thanksgiving Day.

Youth Mission Trip fundraisers:

- **Apple Pie Fundraiser** - The youth are selling apple pies for Thanksgiving. They are \$15.00 each. Sign up for your pies by emailing Jeff at jeffw@firstgrandville.org or text Jeff at 616-250-7148. Pick up will be Saturday, November 21, at noon at the Family Life Center. Mask required for pick up.
- **Pop can drive** - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans.

**Maple Tree Preschool Fundraisers -
Scholastic Book Orders:**

Stock up on birthday and Christmas gifts for your grandchildren/children! When you order from Scholastic, it earns Maple Tree rewards including books, preschool toys, manipulatives and classroom supplies for free!

HOME DELIVERY: During the COVID-19 crisis, you can choose at checkout to have book orders shipped to Maple Tree Preschool or to your homes.

Order Online at [Scholastic Book Clubs](#)

Sign in or create an account.

Connect to Maple Tree Preschool by entering our Class Code: P63H2

Books are ordered monthly (September-April).

Items often needed for Domestic Crisis Center

Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise
Salad dressing s (especially Ranch)
Noodles (all including egg)
Canned vegetables
Coffee (Regular) for the coffee maker
Hot chocolate
Tea bags
Dry creamers
Sugar
White flour
Taco seasonings
Cereal (sugar type is loved)
Instant Oatmeal
Canned – green beans, corn and carrots
Boxed potatoes
Pancake mix
Syrup
Seasonings (all including salt and pepper)
Soups (cream soups and all other kinds)
Tuna Fish
Great Northern beans
Tomato paste/diced tomatoes
Chips/Tortilla chips
Tortilla shells and taco shells
Cake mixes/Frosting
Brownie mixes
Brown sugar
Chocolate chips
Vanilla pudding
Treats (things kids love to eat)
Snack type food
Microwave popcorn

Macaroni & Cheese
Rice (flavored or plain)
Chili dog sauce
Sloppy Joe sauce
Spaghetti sauce/Alfredo sauce
Hot sauce/Salsa
Peanut butter
Jelly/Jam
Spaghettio's (or similar items)
Baking soda/powder
Corn starch
Vegetable oil
Bread crumbs

Non- food items

Toilet paper
Paper towel
Trash bags (large)
Wipes
Hand sanitizer
Lysol sprays
Glade sprays
Coffee filters
Bleach
Disinfectant cleaners