

**The Season of Pentecost**  
**The Sacrament of Infant Baptism**  
November 8, 2020

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Like a River Glorious*

James Mountain, arr. Dan Forrest

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

based on Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25

Leader 1: People of God, we are pulled in many directions. So many people and so many things are trying to claim our lives.

Leader 2: This day, in this place, let service to God be our choice.

Leader 1: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Leader 2: The God of creation has called us here. Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

Let us praise the name of the Lord!

\*The Hymn of Praise

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

Isaac Watts, ELLACOMBE

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: God of Israel and God of Jesus Christ, we would not be here if You had not chosen to touch our lives with Your love. We are in awe of the way You entered our world and our lives in the person of Jesus. Yet, we are often tempted to put other people and other things first in our lives.

Leader 2: Forgive us when the choices we make reflect our own selfishness instead of Your glory.

Leader 1: Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.

Leader 2: Forgive us when the choices we make contribute to our own prosperity and well-being while ignoring the needs of others.

Leader 1: Forgive us when the choices we make diminish our awareness of You in the midst of those who suffer.

Leader 2: Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of Your Spirit so that the choices we make clearly reveal our identity as Your faithful people, and as sincere and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*The Song of Response

***His Mercy Is More***

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader 1: Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

Leader 2: The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

The Song of Assurance

*Jesus, Friend of Sinners*

Mark Hall, Matthew West

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

***Who You Say I Am***

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“Self-Serving Worship”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS**

***10,000 Reasons***

\*The Song

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Postlude on “Diademata”*

James Pethel

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Kevin Meyer, Jeff Watson; Organ – Beth Sweers; Duet – Bob and Lou Stelma; Praise Team

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update – November 8, 2020**

Week of November 2

November 1 Collection plate: \$ 6,044.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,225.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 2,117.00

Total Offering: \$ 11,386.00

November Total: \$ 11,386.00

November Goal: \$ 75,000.00

**Outstanding Mortgage Balance** \$286,578.00

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

**THANK YOU...**

...I miss my many friends at First Church, and I really want to thank the many who sent me birthday cards. It made me feel close to my church family. **Crystal Baum**

...I am so very grateful to be part of such a blessed church family. My sincere gratitude for the care and concern you have shown me in so many ways. Thank you First Church family. **Karen Diekema**

## 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:

- **Bob Poll**, recovering from heart valve 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.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- Janet Pofahl's daughter and son-in-law, **Sandy and Larry**, are hospitalized with Covid in Florida.
- **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 Jeff VanDuinen, Karen Diekema, Terry Jolink, Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Roy DeJonge, Janet Pofahl, Curt Stoel, Lois Sweers, 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** – 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

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

**Advent Festival** – Mark your calendars for November 29, 5:00-7:00pm. More details to come!

### **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](mailto: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 dressings (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  
Spaghetti'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