

The Season of Pentecost

November 15, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Psalms 100

ROYAL OAK, English Melody, arr. Wilbur Held
Justin Heinrich Knecht, edited by Jon Spong

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint, Conrad Kocher DIX

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

Leader 2: Delight in God's goodness!

Leader 1: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

Leader 2: Lord, we thank You for these gifts!

Leader 1: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

Leader 2: Lord, make us worthy of Your love and trust in us. Amen.

*The Songs of Praise

God of Wonders
All the People Said Amen

Mac Byrd, Steve Hindalong
Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

Leader 1: Lord God, we confess to You our sin: those things that have hurt others and have offended You.

Leader 2: Forgive us for not investing Your gifts wisely. We have been negligent with the time and energy You give us – often spending it all on ourselves while others have had to do more than their share of helping and caring.

Leader 1: We confess, O Lord, that through fear, greed, or ignorance, we have not always used, in a faithful and responsible manner, the wealth You give us.

Leader 2: Forgive us for being satisfied with sharing so little with those who are in need, while spending so much, not only on our needs, but also on our desires.

Leader 1: We confess, O Lord, that we are prone to forget the purpose behind what You do for us. We forget that You judge us by what we do with Your gifts.

Leader 2: Forgive us for when we have buried the talents and failed to work with all the things You give us.

Leader 1: Gracious God - forgive us.

Leader 2: Touch us and make us whole. Amen

The Words of Assurance

Leader 2: Rejoice and celebrate! God has placed His trust and love deep within your hearts. You have been called and trusted to serve God. Alleluia!

*The Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, BEACH SPRING

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Responsible Recipients of God's Gifts”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Commitment

Lay Me Down

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Jason Ingram

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO, Welsh Folk Tune
setting by Michael Burkhardt

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink, Anna Kooima ; Organ – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – November 15, 2020

Week of November 9

November 8 Collection plate: \$ 3,887.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,827.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 3,820.00

Total Offering: \$ 12,534.00

November Total: \$ 23,920.00

November Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$286,578.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

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:

- **Emmett Hough**, recovering from a heart attack and at American House.
- **Mike Dertien**, beginning radiation.
- **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**, going through a second round of chemo.
- **Jack Kosten**, under the care of hospice.
- Janet Pofahl's daughter and son-in-law, **Sandy and Larry**, are home from the hospital recovering from 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, Terry Jolink, Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Roy DeJonge, Janet Pofahl, Curt Stoel, Lois Sweers, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **Randy & Sue Kehr & family**, at the death of Sue's sister, Kathy Kermeen, on November 7.

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 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. Outdoor Live Nativity (under the portico in main circle drive off of Wilson) with walk-thru to pick up Advent craft kits, sugar cookie kits, and drop off missionary and/or Family at Home cards.

Live Worship Experiences at 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 6:30 pm (near the live nativity)

Here are the details:

Come and walk thru our outdoor live nativity anytime from 5-7 pm. There will be three times (5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 6:30 pm) for your family to participate in our worship experience by the live nativity. The live nativity will be located under the portico in the circle drive off of Wilson. Please park in a parking spot and walk to the nativity location. Before or after you visit the nativity, you may walk through church (going in the main west entrance doors that face Wilson, walking up the steps & through the parlor and then out through the nursery/portico doors by the live nativity). Inside of church you will receive your family advent craft kit and your family prepackaged sugar cookie kits, and you may also drop off any Christmas cards you may have for our Missionaries and/or Family at Home. Please wear your masks and maintain social distance requirements while outside at the nativity and inside of the church for the walk-thru. Use hand sanitizer provided whenever you are able. If you are not feeling well, we ask that you please stay home and let Angie know if you want a kit dropped off on your front porch.

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 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