

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey
arr. Linda R. Lamb

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Edward Perronet, adapt. John Rippon
CORONATION, Oliver Holden

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader 2: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Leader 1: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Leader 2: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Leader 1: Come, let us worship God, all generations, all people, all families, as the body of Christ.

*The Song of Praise

All Hail Christ

Joshua Banner

The Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader 2: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Eternal God.

Leader 1: We remember Your many blessings of food and shelter, of love and life.

People: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Generous God.

Leader 2: We remember those times of wonder and joy, plenty and celebration.

People: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Joyous God.

Leader 1: We remember Your presence with us always, especially in times of difficulty, loss, illness, fear, and distress.

People: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Compassionate God.

Leader 2: We remember those near and far who lack the basic necessities of life.

People: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Faithful God.

Leader 1: We remember all who are dealing with physical and mental illness; and all who work to bring healing and comfort.

People: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Healing God.

Leader 2: We remember Your unifying presence in our relationships; in our families, church, community and nation.

People: We give You thanksgiving and praise, Gracious God. Amen.

*The Song of Response

Behold Our God

Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird,
Meghan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Have You Met the Least of These?”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, trans. Catherine Winkworth
Johann Cruger, harm. Felix Mendelssohn

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Jeff Watson, Rachael Barone; Organ – Beth Sweers; Bells of Joy Handbell Choir, Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – November 22, 2020

Week of November 16

November 15 Collection plate: \$ 3,196.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,982.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 9,847.00

Total Offering: \$ 16,025.00

November Total: \$ 39,945.00

November Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Thanksgiving Goal: \$ 20,000.00

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:

- **Don Alderink**, diagnosed with non hodgkins lymphoma and is undergoing treatment.
- **Dorothy VanderLaan**, at Brookcrest under hospice care.
- **Mike Cline**, home recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- **Jose Rivas & Karin Dykstra**, diagnosed with Covid.
- **Emmett Hough**, recovering from a heart attack and at American House.
- **Mike Dertien**, going through radiation.
- 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.
- 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, Roy DeJonge, Janet Pofahl, Curt Stoel, Lois Sweers, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **Lois Kosten and family**, at the passing of Lois's husband, Jack, on November 13.

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

THANK YOU...

...for the prayers, cards, and thoughts during my recent surgery and recovery. **Bob Poll**

... for the phone calls, cards and most of all the prayers while I went through the Covid. **Terry Jolink**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We will NOT gather on Thanksgiving morning for worship, but rather hold a **Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Event** from 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM on Thanksgiving morning to receive your Thanksgiving offerings for the Domestic Crisis Center, and your financial offerings as well. The Global and Domestic Councils at church have designated the following recipients of our **Thanksgiving financial offerings** with a total goal of \$20,000: the Least Reached Initiative Ministry (John and Amy Banta), the First Reformed Church Adult Mission Trip Fund, the First Reformed Church Youth Mission Trip Fund, the Missionary Special Needs Fund, the Pregnancy Resource Center, Young Life Kalamazoo (Ryan Nienhuis), Young Life Southwest GR (Jake Bajema), Connections Ministry in Wyoming (George Grevenstuk), and LaCasa de mi Padre.. We will also collect Missionary Christmas Cards and Christmas Cards for our Family at Home during this drive-thru event.

We will host the **Advent Festival Drive-Through Event** on Sunday, November 29, from 5:00-7:00 PM with a Live Nativity, craft kits, and cookie kits. We will also collect Missionary Christmas Cards and Christmas Cards for our Family at Home during this drive-thru event.

We will also host a **Toy Drive-Thru Event** for the Other Way Christmas Store on Sunday **December 6** from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM immediately following the on-line service. We will also collect Missionary Christmas Cards and Christmas Cards for our Family at Home during this drive-thru event.

On Sunday, **December 13** from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (following the online service) we will host another **drive-through event for Medical Workers** on the front lines in the battle against Covid-19. We will be collecting generic Thank-You cards for these workers to be distributed at local hospitals, as well as collecting monetary gifts to purchase a meal for them.

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.

This is a difficult time for many, especially our high school youth. In an effort to connect with them on a personal level we would like to give you the opportunity to write a personal letter to one of our high school students. If you are interested contact Jeff Watson at jeffw@firstgrandville.org or 616-250-7148

Youth Mission Trip fundraisers:

- **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).

Family at Home Christmas Cards - Sharing the joy of Christmas with our Family at Home members is a gift you can give them by sending a card. Knowing their church family remembers them during this season is truly a gift. Simply write the member's name on the envelope. Maybe add a personal note to your card and sign your name. These cards can be dropped off to the office or bring them to one of the Drive-Thru Events. Thank you for this gift of Christmas love. The Family at Home includes: Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Vern & Norma Boss, Sharon Bouwman, Milo Buikema, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

Missionary Christmas Cards - Please put your cards in envelopes with the missionary name on the outside and place them. These cards can be dropped off to the office or bring them to one of the Drive-Thru Events. We will address, stamp, and mail them for you. Thank you for showing your love and support to our many partners here and overseas.

Abel, Bob & Amy (Thailand)
Barau, Gabriel & Dorcas (Nigeria)
**Bilgen, Haluk & Wendy (Turkey)
**Chiu, Stephen & Amy (Asia)
Dantas, Lia and Thiago (Brazil)
Ham, Josh & Virginia (Cameroon)
LaChonce, Mark & Jennifer
McCleery, David & Linda (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
Oppenhuizen, Jodi (Czech Republic)
Saltos, Priscilla (Ecuador)
Sundararajan, James & Anita (India)
Thomas, Gladys (Haiti)
Van Engen, Chuck & Jean (Latin America)
Van Es, Rowland & Jane (Kenya)
Williams, Rachel (Mozambique)

**For safety reasons, please don't use the word missionary in your Christmas cards.

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