

**Epiphany II**  
January 17, 2021

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Amazing Grace with Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*  
Traditional, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio arr. Victor Labenske

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: God, our Father, You seek men and women, boys and girls,

Leader 2: who will worship You in spirit and in truth; and so we ask You to inspire and bless the worship of this church.

Leader 1: In words and music, prayers and hymns, psalms and lessons.

Leader 2: Open the hearts and lips of those who worship You today.

Leader 1. We ask this in the name of Your beloved Son, who allows us all to come to the Father in worship and praise.

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Robert Robinson  
NETTLETON, Traditional American melody

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left You and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

For the times we have hurt others through our own actions.

ALL: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Leader 1: For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

ALL: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Leader 1: For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

ALL: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Leader 1: For the times we refused to forgive others.

ALL: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

The Song of Response

***Before the Throne of God Above***

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

The Words of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

\*The Songs of Assurance

***Reckless Love***  
***This Is Amazing Grace***

Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson  
Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

The Message

**“The Father's Heart”**

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

\*The Song of Sending

***Amazing Grace***

John Newton, NEW BRITIAN  
*Virginia Harmony*, Adapt. Edwin Excell

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Festive March from Rinaldo*

George F. Handel, arr. Harold K. Marks

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organ – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update – January 17, 2021**

Week of January 11

January 10 Collection Plate \$ 0,000.00

Online Giving: \$ 5,862.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 8,099.00

Total Offering: \$ 13,961.00

January Total: \$ 31,440.00

January Goal: \$ 70,000.00

**Outstanding Mortgage Balance** \$144,810.00

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

**THANK YOU...**

...I enjoyed Doug Diekman's visit so very much, and the beautiful poinsettia and all the cards. The ones from the children and high schooler's were all so special. I'm doing well during this awful Covid situation. I love my church family. God bless you all!

**Crystal Baum**

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**WinterFest - Enjoy A Day Full Of Winter Fun! Join other First Church families!**

DATE, TIME, & PLACE

Cran Hill Ranch, Sunday, January 24, 2021

2:00pm - 6:00pm

**FOOD**

Free meal served 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Snacks and drinks available for purchase at the Barn Store all-day

**ACTIVITIES**

Tubing, Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, Broomball, Ice Climbing, Pony Rides, Bonfire, Marshmallow Roast, Petting Farm, and more!

**TRANSPORTATION**

Tractor Drawn Wagon Rides - 4-5 wagons running continually during the whole event

## 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:

- **Shirley Schuitman**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Leonora Smit**, at Butterworth with a recurring infection.
- **Vonda Style's father**, is under the care of hospice.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Shirley Schuitman, Janet Pofahl, Evelyn Lindhout, Helen Dertien, Mike Dertien, BJ Veneklasen, Leonora Smit, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, Emmett Hough, Chuck Duimstra, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

### We extend Christian Sympathy:

- **The family of Matt & Jill Weigle**, at the death of Matt's father, Dr. Jack Weigle, on January 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, Bill & Helen Dertien, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

### **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.

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