

Epiphany IV
January 31, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Rejoice!

Cynthia Dobrinski

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Holy Spirit

Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 111

Leader 1: Come and praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Leader 2: Great are the works of God, they are full of glory and majesty.

Leader 1: Our God is gracious and compassionate,

Leader 2: Our God is merciful and forgiving,

Leader 1: Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

Leader 2: Our God is just and good.

Leader 1 & 2: Come, let us worship God together.

*The Songs of Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship with O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Brian Doerksen,
Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy.

Leader 2: It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing.

So let us make our confession now.

Leader 1: Holy God, we will be honest: this is really hard. It is really hard to wear masks and avoid public gatherings, we miss our friends and spend too much time watching screens.

Leader 2: We're losing patience and we're losing hope and we're losing our grip on faith.

Leader 1: We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others, and wanting to be helpful and generous.

Leader 2: God, please help us. Help us to lean on You and each other when things get hard and when we get depressed. Remind us every day that there is light at the end of this darkness.

Leader 1: Encourage our hearts, and help us to be Your people, to the best of our ability in these strange days.

Leader 2: We pray this all in the name of Jesus, who is with us always. Amen.

The Hymn of Response

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Rusty Edwards, NETTLETON

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader 1: Friends, hear this Good News and see the grace of God. God's love is beyond measure and you are included in that love.

Leader 2: Know that you are forgiven and free to live in the light and called to love and serve our God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Song of Hope

Living Hope

Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson

The Call to Grateful Living

Siyahamba – I'm Gonna Sing
Based on a traditional Zulu song and an African-American spiritual

Tammy Waldrop

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lessons

Mark 1:21-28, Genesis 32:22-31

The Message

“Being With God, No Matter What”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS
Will You Come and Follow Me?

The Iona Community, KELVINGROVE

*The Song of Commitment

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Welsh Folk Melody, arr. Larry Shackley

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Tony and June Williams; Organ – Beth Sweers; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – January 24, 2021

Collection Plate: \$ 4,620.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,017.00

Mail in Offering: \$ 12,386.00

Total Offering: \$ 19,023.00

January Total: \$ 53,900.00

January Goal: \$ 70,000.00

Outstanding Mortgage Balance \$106,000.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

Maple Tree Preschool Registration - Preschool registration for 2021-2022 has begun! If you know of a family looking for a preschool, please have them check out www.mapletreepreschool.org and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

Maple Tree will be having a COVID style open house (by appointment only) on Monday, February 1 between 6-7 pm! Families may sign up using this link: [Maple Tree Preschool February 2021-2022 Open House](#)

February Birthdays

Mary Zomerlei 84 on the 4th

Alice Karsten 85 on the 9th

Dick Robinson 80 on the 14th

Dorothy VanderLaan 93 on the 15th

Vern Boss 96 on the 16th

Bill Dertien 95 on the 22nd

Bob Verburg 82 on the 23rd

Leah Brinks 83 on the 25th

Carolyn Cole 81 on the 29th

THANK YOU...

....for the cards, prayers, and thoughts during my recent knee surgery. They were greatly appreciated. **Shirley Schuitman**

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:

- **Dave Timmerman**, having heart catheterization on February 3.
- **Frances Davis**, recovering at home from emergency surgery.
- **Leonora Smit**, is back at her home.
- **Vonda Style's father**, is under the care of hospice.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Mike Dertien, BJ Veneklasen, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, Emmett Hough, Chuck Duimstra, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Kaitlin Kremers Lyons, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

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
FAH February birthdays: Feb. 4 – Mary Zomerlei, Vista Springs, Rm. #23, 3740 Richton Ave., NE, GR, 49525
Feb. 15 – Dorothy VanderLaan, Brookcrest Nursing Home, 3400 Wilson Ave., Rm #313, Grandville, 49418
Feb. 16 – Vern Boss – Waterford Place Assisted Living, #D-211, Jenison, 49428
Feb. 22 – Bill Dertien – Sunset Manor, Rm #208, 725 Baldwin, Jenison, 49428

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).