

Lent II  
February 28, 2021

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude *The Power of the Cross* Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, arr. Phillip Keveren

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Song of Praise *This I Believe (The Creed)* Matt Crocker, Ben Fielding

\*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: The summons of our Lord has been given to all people in all places.

Leader 2: We gather today as people called by our one true King.

Leader 1: The authority of God is unassailable, all creation moves at the word of God's mouth.

Leader 2: We have heard His voice calling us from the farthest reaches bringing us into His presence.

Leader 1: The Lord joins us together as His children in love.

Leader 2: We give praise to our mighty and loving Lord; who calls us into His house and service.

Leader 1: The Lord has brought us here showing us the way and teaching us how to live.

Leader 2: So we have gathered here today to learn, grow, and praise our God!

\*The Lenten Hymn *Lift High the Cross* George W. Kitchin, CRUCIFER Sydney H. Nicholson

The Lenten Candle Lighting

Leader 1: On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus saying to His followers

Leader 2: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the gospel will save it...."

Leader 1: As Your followers, we offer our hearts and lives – on our terms. We are full of our own thoughts and leave very little space for Your plans.

Leader 2: Forgive us again. Correct us. Turn us around, and teach us Your ways, and lead us so that we may let go of all that we have grasped so tightly, that we may pick up the cross and follow You.

*(Light the second candle.)*

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, as we walk with You through these forty days, let Your light shine into our hearts.

**People: Brighten the darkness of our lives, and show us where we need to repent.**

Leader 2: In our thoughts, words, and actions, teach us to rely on You.

**People: Renew us as Your people, that we may carry Your light to the world.**

\*The Song of Response *From the Inside Out* Joel Houston

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message "The Path Less Traveled"

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

\*The Song of Commitment *We Are Called* David Haas

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Song *We Receive Your Blessing* Grace and Natasha Moes

\*The Benediction

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Bob Stelma; Organ – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update – February 21, 2021**

February 21 Collection Plate	\$ 2,525.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,547.00
Mail in Offering:	\$ 4,932.00
Total Offering:	\$ 12,004.00
February Total:	\$ 62,206.00
February Goal:	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Outstanding Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$106,000.00</b>
<b>Text to Give - 616-208-4301</b>	

**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](http://www.mapletreepreschool.org) and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

**College Scholarships:** Scholarship forms are available in the office or online. These are for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2021. They are due in the office no later than **Friday, April 9, at noon.**

**Memorial Easter Flowers** – This Easter we will again purchase potted spring flowers to decorate the church for our worship celebration. You are welcome to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory or in honor of a relative or friend. Their name will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. You can get a form off the table in the narthex and mail or drop off the form to the office or stop by the church office during the week and fill one out with \$15 per plant by March 19. After the Easter service we ask that you take your plant home.

**Sunday School** – 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in-person Sunday School will meet again this Sunday, February 28 during the worship service in the Assembly room downstairs but SIGN-UP is required. Contact Angie to sign up: [angie@firstgrandville.org](mailto:angie@firstgrandville.org) or 616-828-6580.

**Middle School Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets in the Family Life Center from 4:00-5:30pm.

**High School Youth Group** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets in the Family Life Center from 6:30-8:00pm.

**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.

**THANK YOU...**

...for all the prayers. Healing mercies are new each day. It will be slow but still praying for complete strength for right hand and back to work. **Glenn & Eileen Swart**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Larry DeVries	80 on the 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bobbi VanKuiken	82 on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Matthews	80 on the 4 <sup>th</sup>	Eloise Anderson	88 on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Elaine Hudson	82 on the 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Stegehuis	82 on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Verburg	82 on the 10 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Isenga	86 on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Chuck Duimstra	86 on the 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Scripsema	90 on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Joyce Moored	92 on the 12 <sup>th</sup>		

## 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:

- **Chad Holleman**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Sarah VanEck**, recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, diagnosed with lumbar spinal stenosis. Procedure to correct is coming soon.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Glenn Zwart**, going through rehab following a stroke.
- **Bradley Butler**, Karin Dykstra's cousin, has double pneumonia.
- **Mike VanDuinen**, Jeff VanDuinen's father, recovering from surgery on a broken hip.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: BJ Veneklasen, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, 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)
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### 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 March birthdays:** March 17 – Eloise Anderson, 2989 Tansy Trail, Grandville 49418

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### **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).