

Epiphany III  
January 24, 2021

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

The Prelude

HOLY MANNA, Dale Wood

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Gathering Song

***Hear Our Praises***

Reuben Morgan

The Call to Worship

*Psalm 62:5-8*

Leader 1: Wait calmly for God alone, my soul,

Leader 2: *for my hope is from the Lord.*

Leader 1: God is my safe place,

Leader 2: *my strong place from which I cannot be shaken.*

Leader 1: My welfare and worth depend on God, my strong Rock.

Leader 2: *My refuge is in God.*

Leader 1: Ever trust in God, O people.

Leader 2: Pour out your joys and your sorrows before the Lord.

**ALL: God is our refuge!**

\*The Hymn of Praise

***O God Our Help in Ages Past***

Isaac Watts, William Croft  
ST. ANNE descant Donald P. Hustad

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: God our Father, we are sorry that we become so engrossed with ourselves and our worldly matters.

We do not take time to consider why You made us who we are.

Leader 2: Sometimes we feel that our problems are too trivial to bring before You. We believe we can manage life by ourselves.

Leader 1: Yet we realize that we are part of Your kingdom; that You created us and have a purpose for us.

Leader 2: Forgive us for being self-centered and give us a wider vision, so that in You we may find our purpose.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Song of Response

***Be Thou My Vision***

Traditional Irish hymn, tr. Mary Byrne, vs. Eleanor Hull  
SLANE, arr. Donald P. Hustad

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader 1: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all.

Leader 2: Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:

Leader 1: You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up. You are forgiven, you are set free.

Leader 2: In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go of what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

**All: Thanks Be to God!**

\*The Call to Grateful Living

***Build Your Kingdom***

Rend Collective Experiment

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lessons

I Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-15

The Message

**“Our Time is God’s Time”**

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

\*The Song of Commitment

***The Stand***

Joel Houston

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Laudation on "Lancashire"*

Henry Smart, arr. Alice Jordan

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Jeff Watson; Organ – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update – January 17, 2021**

Collection Plate	\$ 0,000.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,202.00
Mail in Offering:	\$ 8,472.00
Total Offering:	\$ 13,674.00
January Total:	\$ 34,877.00
January Goal:	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Outstanding Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$106,000.00</b>
<b>Text to Give - 616-208-4301</b>	

**UPCOMING EVENT – TODAY!**

**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

**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](#).

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	Bill Dertien	95 on the 22nd
Alice Karsten	85 on the 9th	Bob Verburg	82 on the 23rd
Dick Robinson	80 on the 14th	Leah Brinks	83 on the 25th
Dorothy VanderLaan	93 on the 15th	Carolyn Cole	81 on the 29th
Vern Boss	96 on the 16th		

## 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.
- **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.**

### 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).