

Lent III
March 7, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Lamb of God

Twila Paris, arr. by Michael Ryan

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Song of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

Leader 1: The law of the Lord is perfect,

Leader 2: reviving the soul;

Leader 1: the decrees of the Lord are sure,

Leader 2: making wise the simple;

Leader 1: the precepts of the Lord are right,

Leader 2: rejoicing the heart;

Leader 1: the commandment of the Lord is clear,

Leader 2: enlightening the eyes;

Leader 1: the fear of the Lord is pure,

Leader 2: enduring forever;

Leader 1: the ordinances of the Lord are true

Leader 2: and righteous altogether.

Leader 1: As we continue to worship today...

Leader 2: may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, O Lord.

*The Songs

***How Sweet the Sound
Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Ben Calhoun, Josh Calhoun
Keith & Kristyn Getty

The Lenten Candle Lighting

Leader 1: Today is the third Sunday of Lent. After clearing the temple courts, we hear Jesus answer those questioning His authority

Leader 2: "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

Leader 1: It was not until after He was raised from the dead that His disciples recalled what He said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Leader 2: Creator God, we confess to You that we like the path of life to be easy, comfortable, and untroubled. We like problems to melt away and hardships to be smoothed over. We do not want the hard and faithful way that Jesus takes. By Your grace arm us against temptation, alert us to corruption, and forgive our sins.

(Light three candles.)

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 Preparation

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, arr. by Michael Ryan

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lessons

John 2:13-22; Psalm 69:1-9a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Zeal for My Father's House"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Hymn of Response

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Thrive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Kevin Meyer, Pastor Matt Cook ; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update – February 28, 2021

February 28 Collection Plate	\$ 3,344.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,087.00
Mail in Offering:	\$ 1,115.00
Total Offering:	\$ 8,546.00
February Total:	\$ 70,752.00
February Goal:	\$ 70,000.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$101,000.00
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](#).

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 – 5th grade in-person Sunday School will meet during the worship service in the Assembly room downstairs but SIGN-UP is required. Contact Angie to sign up: angie@firstgrandville.org or 616-828-6580.

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

High School Youth Group (9th-12th 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 the cards, prayers, and concern we received after my surgery and at the passing of Duane's sister Judy Visscher.

Duane and Gail Frens

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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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).