

Eastertide  
April 25, 2021

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky*

The Prelude

Dale Wood

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Christ Is Alive!***

Brian Wren, TRURO  
Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*

The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd and takes care of all our needs.

**People: The Lord leads us to places of rest and gives us strength for life's journey.**

Leader: Even when we face the largest of challenges, we know You are walking alongside us.

**People: We know that even during troubling times we have nothing to fear because You are with us.**

Leader: You are the good shepherd that welcomes and anoints us. The Lord that loves us all the days of our life.

**People: We dwell in Your house and worship You today!**

The Psalm

***Shepherd Me, O God***

Marty Haugen

The Words of Confession

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

**People: As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, we confess before God our desire to love more fully, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord to make it possible.**

The Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The Lord loves and cares for us in all places and times.

\*The Song of Response

***The Power of Your Love***

Geoff Bullock

\*The Call to Grateful Living

1 John 4:11-16

Leader: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**People: No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.**

Leader: This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us:

He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

**People: If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.**

**And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.**

\*The Song of Gratitude

***Reckless Love***

Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Loving One Another"**

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*This I Believe*

Matt Crocker, Ben Fielding

\*The Affirmation of Faith

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*God Himself Is Present*

Joachim Neander, setting by Michael Burkhardt

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

### **Stewardship Update:**

April 18 Collection Plate	\$ 13,390.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,907.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 18,297.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00
<b>Outstanding Mortgage Balance</b>	\$ 81,078.00
<b>Text to Give</b> - 616-208-4301	

**Sunday School** – 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:angie@firstgrandville.org) or 616-828-6580.

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

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

### **Youth Mission Trip fundraiser:**

- **Pop can drive** - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans.
- **Spring Clean Up** – Saturdays May 8 & 22. Youth will come do any of your spring outside yard work. Email Jeff Watson – [jeffw@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org)
- **Succulent Sale** – \$20 - 5 to 7 succulents per planter – planter is 6" long by 5" wide by 3.5" high. Orders due by April 30 at 8:00am - delivery May 5.

### **Current Consistory Roster**

#### Elders

Chris Bajema (23)  
Mike Cline (22)  
Mary Cook (22)  
Nancy Curry (21)  
Vicky Hawken (22)  
Jan Hodges (23)  
Larry Kuipers (21)  
Deb Lidgard (21)  
Kevin Meyer (21)  
Heidi Smitley (23)  
Bob Stelma (23)  
Doug Timmer (22)

#### Deacons

Nicole Clark (22)  
Kris Dennett (21)  
Doug Diekman (21)  
Kelly Kievit (22)  
Tim Kooima (22)  
Abby Kleinheksel (22)  
Adam Lancto (21)  
Justin Stadt (23)  
Laura VanHekken (23)  
Dan Venema (23)  
Steve Westrick (21)  
Tony Williams (23)

## 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:

- **Trudie Wierda**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Judy Estell**, one of our former missionaries, recovering from surgery at Mayo Clinic.
- 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, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

### We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **Norma Boss and their family**, at the passing of her husband Vern Boss, on April 15.
- The **family of Emmett Hough**, at his passing on April 18.

### 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 April birthday:** April 30 – Norma Boss, Waterford Place Assisted Living, #D-D-211, 1725 Port Sheldon, Jenison, 49428  
**FAH May birthday:** May 21 – Evelyn Lindhout, Sunset Villages, 725 Baldwin St., #175, Jenison, MI 49428

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kay Versluis	82 on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Leonard Scripsema	93 on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Art Meyer	83 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Dottie Cook	84 on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Annette DeRidder	89 on the 19 <sup>th</sup>
Evelyn Lindhout	97 on the 21 <sup>st</sup>
Carol Waddell	81 on the 21 <sup>st</sup>
Vern Hoffman	87 on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Volunteer in Service (VIS) is excited to partner with the Kent County Faith Base Neighborhood Partnership in providing volunteers from churches to assist with the vaccination sign-up process. There are opportunities for the next three weeks. If you would like to volunteer for the "A Shot of Love" Campaign this is the volunteer registration link:

<https://visqr.org/what-we-do/covid19-volunteer-registration.html>

**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 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).