

**Eastertide**  
May 2, 2021  
**The Sacrament of Infant Baptism**

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Traditional spiritual, arr. Tammy Waldrop

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise ***All People That On Earth Do Dwell*** William Kethe  
OLD HUNDREDTH Louis Bourgeois

\*The Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 8

Leader 1: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set Your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise.**

Leader 2: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place...

**People: Who are we that You are mindful of us?**

Leader 1: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

**People: We acknowledge You as Lord and praise You for all of creation.**

Leader 2: Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship.

**People: Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be.**

\*The Song ***Holy Spirit*** Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt

The Baptism Litany

Leader 1: We realize that as members of Christ's church, we, as well as the parents, are stewards of these lives presented before us for baptism.

Leader 2: When we teach them to love God, they will also learn to love others.

**People: We pray for Emery and Adrian. Lord, by Your grace and love, strengthen them to be true disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Leader 1: We pray for Bryce and Ali, Brian and Nicole. May they love with Your love and teach Your truth,

Leader 2: Direct them to teach the gospel to Emery and Adrian

Leader 1: that Your Word may be heard

**People: and Your will be done through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Leader 2: On this day Lord, smile upon Emery and Adrian

Leader 1: right now so small and innocent,

Leader 2: and guide them throughout the years ahead.

**People: We pray that Your blessings will light the path they follow. Amen**

\*The Hymn of Praise ***Baptized in Water*** Michael Saward  
BUNESSAN Traditional Gaelic melody

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

The Scriptural Mandate

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Vows of the Parents

The Vows of the Congregation

\*The Apostles' Creed

The Baptism

The Blessing

The Congregational Welcome: **The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

The Baptism Song ***Build My Life*** Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple  
Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: You have paved a path for us to follow – yet we often find ourselves lost.

Leader 2: It is clear to us that we should follow You but we are constantly tempted and tried by worldly matters that cause us to stray.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to You. Allow us to be washed over by Your unconditional love, so that we can overflow with joy as You have called us to do. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader 1: Each time we confess our sins we grow stronger in our relationship with Jesus because He sets us back on the path to be the people we were truly created to be.

Leader 2: Christ does this out of His grace-filled love that led Him to give His life so we could live with God forever.

Leader 1: Through Christ’s resurrection, we find that no sin will get the last word.

Leader 2: Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

\*The Doxology of Praise

**Glory Be to the Father** GLORIA PATRI from Henry W. Greatorex’ *Collection*

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“Come On In”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS**

\*The Song of Commitment

**Way Maker**

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Franz Joseph Haydn, arr. Jeff Bennett

\*All who are able, please stand

**Being baptized today are** Emery Jane Lutke, daughter of Bryce and Ali, and Adrian Lee Clark, son of Brian and Nicole.

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Tony and June Williams; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team; Bells of Joy

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

April 25 Collection Plate	\$ 12,605.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 5,912.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 18,517.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$ 882,740.00

**Outstanding Mortgage Balance** \$ 81,078.00

**Text to Give** - 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)

**THANK YOU...**

...your thoughtfulness and kindness touched our hearts. Thank you for the prayers, past visits, flowers, cards, and food. God is good. **The Family of Vern Boss**

**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:**

- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- Janet Pofahl's granddaughter, **Erica**, was involved in a serious bus accident in Georgia and is hospitalized with severe burns.
- Don & Joyce Ferris's 4 week old great granddaughter recovering from spinal surgery at home.
- **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: Trudie Wierda, BJ Veneklasen, Don Alderink, Dorothy VanderLaan, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Roy DeJonge, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, 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 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>

**Global & Local Mission Council** - Be part of our church's role in supporting the Great Commission by joining the Mission Council. Time commitment is minimal (one hour meeting per month, and periodic correspondence with a missionary or local ministry). One of our members recently mentioned the joy they feel whenever they correspond with one of our ministry partners. It's not only a privilege to join the Lord in his work, but our missionaries and local ministries also provide a front row seat into what the Lord is doing locally and globally. For more information, please contact Jeff Muller at 616.889.5187 or [jeff@mullerdesign.net](mailto:jeff@mullerdesign.net).

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://visgr.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).