

**Eastertide**  
May 9, 2021  
Mothers' Day  
**The Sacrament of Infant Baptism**

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*King of My Heart*

John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Song of Praise

***What a Beautiful Name***

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

\*The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 98

Leader 1: Make a joyful noise to the Lord,

**People: all the earth;**

Leader 2: break forth into joyous song

**People: and sing praises.**

Leader 1: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

Leader 2: with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader 1: With trumpets

Leader 2: and the sound of the horn,

**People: make a joyful noise before the King, our Lord.**

Leader 1: As we continue to worship our Lord,

Leader 2: may we sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: for He has done marvelous things.**

\*The Song of Praise

***Ever Be***

Kalley Heiligenthal, Gabriel Wilson  
Chris Greely, Bobby Strand

The Baptism Litany

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

Leader 2: When we teach him to love God, he will also learn to love others.

**People: We pray for Dominic. Lord, by Your grace and love, strengthen him to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.**

Leader 1: We pray for Jeff and Jeanna. May they love with Your love and teach Your truth,

Leader 2: Direct them to teach the Gospel to Dominic

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 Dominic

Leader 1: right now so small and innocent,

Leader 2: and guide him throughout the years ahead.

**People: We pray that Your blessings will light the path he follows. Amen**

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

***Who You Say I Am***

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

John 15:9-17

The Message

**“Abide and Obey”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS**  
***How Deep the Father’s Love for Us***

\*The Song of Response

Stuart Townend

The Prayer of Commitment

Leader 1: Holy God, may we hear Your voice in the stillness of night, and in the clatter of the day.

Leader 2: You call us, and we respond, “Here I am!”

**People: May we follow You and may we love as You love.**

Leader 2: Holy One, through trials and turbulence make us steady.

Leader 1: Make us Your hands holding strong the fragile and weak.

**People: May we love as You love.**

Leader 1: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry,

Leader 2: bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word.

**People: May we love as You love.**

Leader 2: God of justice, remove the barriers of our lives that keep us from one another,

Leader 1: barriers we construct based on skin color, religion, gender, and political ideologies.

Leader 2: May we hear, and follow, graciously.

**People: May we love as You love.**

Leader 1: Loving God, take away our fears, worries, distractions, and turn them into grace and mercy,

Leader 2: And, following the example of Christ’s faithful followers,

**People: May we love as You love. Amen.**

\*The Song of Commitment

***Lay Me Down***

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Jason Ingram

\*The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Hope*

Yiruma

\*All who are able, please stand

Today we will baptize Dominic James Watson, son of Jeff & Jeanna Watson.

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Pastor Bud Pratt, the Diekman Family; Pianist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**THANK YOU...**

... to everyone for all the prayers and cards during my convalescence. So wonderful to be part of the special family of First church.

**Joyce Bolthouse**

### Stewardship Update:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| May 2 Collection Plate | \$ 11,451.00       |
| Online Giving:         | <u>\$ 2,112.00</u> |
| Total Offering:        | \$ 12,563.00       |

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| Average weekly offering needed<br>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)

### 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:

- **Bill Dertien**, under the care of hospice at Sunset.
- **Dave Krombeen**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Dennis Hodges**, having brain surgery May 21.
- **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.
- 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, 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

**Global & Local Mission Council** - Be apart 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).