

Ascension Sunday
May 16, 2021
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Sacrament of Baptism and Profession of Faith

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Mark Hayes

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: God called Christ into the world,

Leader 2: And Christ prepared us to be in this world.

Leader 1: As God and Christ are one,

People: May we be one in Christ Jesus.

Leader 2: Christ is the head, and we are the body;

People: We are the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

Leader 1: Before He ascended to God, Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate.

People: We joyfully receive the Spirit and joyfully participate in the kingdom of God.

Leader 1: Beloved friends, we have been called, we are filled, and we are sent:

People: In this time of worship, may we feel the spirit of God, and be prepared to do the work Christ has given us to do.

*The Song of Praise

All Hail Christ

Joshua Banner

The Opening Prayer

Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive Your glad tidings of an Advocate. Help make us ready to be Your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism and Profession of Faith

The Scriptural Mandate

The Meaning of the Sacrament

Leader 1: Baptism means:

People: participation in Christ's death and resurrection

Leader 2: Baptism involves:

People: conversion, pardoning and cleansing from sin.

Leader 1: Baptism signifies:

People: anointing by, and life with, the Holy Spirit

Leader 2: Baptism becomes:

People: a symbol of incorporation into the body of Christ.

Leader 1: Baptism is a sign of the covenant and kingdom of God.

People: May God bless us on our journey as we trust Him to bring us from the depths of sin and death to the safety of firm ground and our eternal home, to forever live in His presence.

The Presentation

The Profession of Faith

The Vows of the Congregation

*The Apostles' Creed

The Faith Statement

The Mentor Blessing

The Prayer

The Baptism

*The Song

The Blessing/La Bendición

Kari Jobe Carnes, Cody Carnes
Chris Brown, Steven Furtick

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

*The Communion Song **Jesus, Messiah** Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
The Invitation
The Meaning of the Sacrament
The Communion Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
The Thanksgiving

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Sending Song **Go, My Children, with My Blessing** Jaroslav Vajda AR HYD Y NOS Welsh melody

*All who are able, please stand

Today we will celebrate profession of faith by Ben Smitley (also being baptized) and the baptism of Gabriela Aline Smitley.

Worship Leaders: Preaching - Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Pastor Matt Cook, Reid Dykstra, Pastor Bud Pratt; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

May 9 Collection Plate	\$ 10,054.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,302.00
Total Offering:	\$ 14,356.00

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

High School Youth Group today (9th-12th 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** – Saturday May 22. Youth will come do any of your spring outside yard work. Email Jeff Watson – 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.
- **Roy DeJonge**, having eye surgery on June 3.
- **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.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- The **families of Helen Dertien, Mike & Sally Dertien, & Terry & Carol Jolink**, at the death of Bill on May 12.

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, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Janet Pofahl, Dorothy VanderLaan, Evelyn Watson,
- Mary Zomerlei
FAH May birthday: May 21 – Evelyn Lindhout, Sunset Villages, 725 Baldwin St., #175, Jenison, MI 49428

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](#).