

The Growing Season

July 4, 2021

Independence Day

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic and America, the Beautiful

setting by Christina Shehi

Your Name with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name P.Baloche, G.Packiam, arr. H.Sorenson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

***Behold Our God
Because We Believe***

Ryan, Jonathan & Megan Baird, Stephen Altrogge
Jamie Harvill, Nancy Gordon

*The Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

ALL: May God continue to bless the church of Christ in this land.

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

ALL: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries of the world.

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all people on earth.

ALL: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Daniel C. Roberts
NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren

An Independence Day Prayer

Written by Rear Admiral Mark Tidd

The Hymn of Response

This Is My Song Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness, FINLANDIA Jean Sibelius

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"A Prophet without Honor"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Response

Yes, He Can

Madison, Logan & Taylor Cain, Jeff Pardo

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Song of Commitment

We Are Called

David Haas

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

John B. Dykes, arr. Wayne L. Wold

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Maddie Kievit; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

June 13 Collection Plate	\$ 12,252.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,472.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,724.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00
Outstanding Mortgage Balance	\$ 67,000.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301	

Sunday School – 3 years old – 5th grade - will resume on August 15.

Next Bonfire Night – Wednesday, July 28 - Want to connect with others while playing yard games, play on the playground, make smores? Grab a camp chair and come to the Family Life Center parking lot any time between 7 and 9pm.

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.

Summer campers - If you have a child going to camp this summer and would like their name in the bulletin to pray for them while they are there, please email mail@firstgrandville.org with their name and date they will be at camp.

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](#).

La Casa VBS Volunteers – La Casa is looking for a few people willing to volunteer to help with their Bilingual VBS July 14, 15, and 16th from 6 pm - 8 pm. If you are interested and willing to help out, please contact Franciel at Franciel_p@hotmail.com or 616-312-6284

Nursery Opens - First Church would like to announce that our nurseries will be fully operational beginning July 4th. We are thankful for your patience over the last year and a half, but the volunteers are ready to go. Please call Angie Walker if you have any questions about the precautions the nursery staff will be taking (616-828-6580). Angie is also seeking additional volunteers if you are willing.

Office Closed - The church office will be closed on Monday July 5th.

FOCUS Nights - We are currently planning for FOCUS to return on Wednesday nights in the fall. Stay tuned as details become available.

THANK YOU...

...to our church family for prayers, cards, and the many visits at the passing of our mom and sister, Lucille Baer. **Jim & Diann Baer, Ruth & Carolyn Cole**

...for the prayers and cards for Don's shoulder surgery and Loretta VerSluis' heart issues. They are both doing well.

Don & Joyce Ferris

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:

- **Jim Danek**, recovering from surgery for a detached retina.
- **El Zwart**, home dealing with blood clots in his lungs.
- **Roy DeJonge**, home recovering from a stroke.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **Andrew Lau**, home recovering from a liver transplant.
- **Kim (VanPortfliet) Start**, recovering from a stroke.
- **Kim Duimstra** (Chuck's daughter and caregiver), recovering from mini strokes.
- 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: BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

Campers this week:

- **Gabriela Smitley**

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), **Ben Westrick**

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, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei