

The Growing Season
July 11, 2021
The Sacrament of Infant Baptism
The Ordination and Installation of Deacons

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Spanish melody arr. F. Thomas Simpson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Christian H. Bateman, MADRID arr. David Evans

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In Christ we are blessed, in Christ we are chosen

All:...to live in the praise of His glorious grace!

Leader: In Christ we belong in the family, adopted

All:...to live in the praise of His glorious grace!

Leader: In Christ the great mystery of God is revealed

All:...to live in the praise of His glorious grace!

Leader: In Christ we are called to be blameless and free

All:...to live in the praise of His glorious grace! Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*The Song of Praise

All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

The Confession of Sin

Leader: Friends, as we gather our thoughts into the quietness, we confess our sins to the One who knows us best. We know we are chosen and adopted as children of God. But are we living as God's children?

All: We know we are called to God's purpose and we try to live as God's children but we are easily distracted and move away from God's will.

Leader: Lord God, set us free from a past that we cannot change.

All: Open our hearts and lives to a future that you provide for us, and grant us grace and strength to grow more in Your image each day.

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our God has poured out grace upon grace, freely, in great abundance, on you and on me even though we never earned it and don't deserve it.

All: In Christ we are made new through His blood; in Christ we are forgiven, filled with the Spirit, and we live for His praise and for His glory. Praise be to God!

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Scriptural Mandate

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Vows of the Parents

The Promises of the Children

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

The Blessing

Kari Jobe & 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.

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Message **“Blessed for a Purpose”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS

*The Song of Response *From the Inside Out* Joel Houston, arr. Scott Harris, Carol Tornquist

The Ordination and Installation of Deacons

The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Simple Gifts* Gregg Sewell

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Kathy Carpenter, Pastor Bud Pratt, Pastor Matt Cook;
Organist – Beth Sweers; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

Being baptized today is Hendrick Mark VanDyk, son of Ashley and Nate VanDyke.

Being ordained to the office of deacon is Mark Donker, who will also be installed along with Ron Hasper (previously ordained) to the office of deacon.

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

June 13 Collection Plate	\$ 9,169.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 5,217.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 14,386.00

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.

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.

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.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Thompson	84 on the 5 th	Gordon Waddell	82 on the 20 th
Kay Mekkes	99 on the 6 th	Ted Wierenga	92 on the 21 st
Shirley Ghysels	81 on the 11 th	Jack Manders	80 on the 24 th
Fred Henderson	90 on the 17 th	Don Alderink	86 on the 29 th
Phil Davis	81 on the 20 th		

Lost & Found – Umbrella in the west entry, brown Bible on the table in the narthex, and a blue jacket on the coat rack by the elevator.

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.
- **Roy DeJonge**, home recovering from a stroke.
- **Roger Tuinstra**, under the care of hospice at American House.
- **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: El Zwart, BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Andrew Lau, Kim (VanPortfliet) Start, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **Jeff & Jeanna Watson & family**, at the death of Jeanna's grandfather, Sam Scaffidi, on July 6.

Campers this week:

- **Anna & Claire VanHekken**

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

Items needed for August shipment to Haiti – Either bar, liquid, or hotel sample soap, Beanie Babies they can use for kids in the hospital, cloth tote bags (can be used and can have logos on them). Questions? Call Joyce Bolthouse – 643-8223