

The Growing Season

September 5, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus From *Schlesische Volklieder*, arranged by Dan Forrest

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Hear Our Praises

Reuben Morgan

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God!

All: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

*The Hymn of Praise

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Stopford A. Brooke, LLANFAIR Robert Williams

The Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we come before You today knowing that we fall short of Your call to love one another.

All: We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities.

Leader: Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need.

All: Lord, help us to grow in grace as we learn how to serve You in the name Jesus Christ. Amen

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us.

Our sins are many but His mercy is more.

All: Thanks be to God for His endless mercy and grace which is greater than all our sins.

*The Song of Forgiveness

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Outsiders"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

*The Song of Commitment

Living Hope

Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

God, the Father of Your People

Alfred E. Mulder, John Newton
HOLY MANNA W. Moore, Norman Johnson

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Short Piece in F

Samuel Wesley

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching –Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

August 29 Collection Plate	\$ 11,832.00
Online Giving:	\$ <u>1,662.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 13,494.00

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

No Sunday School today. Nursery is available.

Children's Ministry is following Grandville Public Schools Covid guidelines.

Volunteers - Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in the nursery and in the kids programs. If you are interested (even if just once every 4-6 weeks!) please contact Angie angie@firstgrandville.org or 616-828-6580.

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.

High School youth group kick off – Sunday September 12 from 6 to 8pm - Barbecue/pool party at 3501 Apache Ct, Grandville. Please bring a side dish to pass. Questions? Contact Jeff Watson – 250-7148 or jeffw@firstgrandville.org

Jr. High youth group kick off - Sunday September 12, from 3 to 5, at Rebounderz in Jenison. Drop off and pick up will be at Rebounderz. Cost is \$20. **Please let Jeff know if your son or daughter is coming ahead of time.** Questions? Contact Jon Hull – 517-803-5686 or jon@firstgrandville.org or Jeff Watson – 250-7148 or jeffw@firstgrandville.org

Youth group volunteers needed – One female and one male Jr. High leader which meets Sundays from 4:00- 5:30pm.
2 Jr. High Sunday school leaders which meets Sundays 11:00-11:45am.

Food pantry needs - Canned fruits, applesauce, cream soups, beef stew, pancake mix and syrup, cake mix and frosting, muffin mix, stuffing, canned pasta, drinks, canned meats, rice, boxed potatoes and gravy, hamburger/tuna Helper, personal care items. You may drop these items off in the grocery cart located in the Activity Center.

Save the Date

Our Fall Kick Off celebration will take place on September 12. Join us after church for an outdoor picnic serving pulled pork and fixins. Everyone welcome!

Esther Circle – begins Tuesday, September 7, at 9:30am with lesson 10 in the Timothy Study Book. Joyce Bolthouse – 643-8223.

Missing - There is a large punchbowl missing from the kitchen. If you happen to have it at your house could you please return it to the kitchen! Thank you!

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:

- **Kay Mekkes**, at Brookcrest following a hospital stay for an infection.
- **Len Scripsema**, recovering from a procedure at home.
- **Ron Cook**, recovering from surgery related to his cancer.
- **Pat Lantinga**, at Mary Free Bed for rehab following a stroke.
- **Ken Ploeg**, at home recovering from an infection in his back.
- Janet Pofahl's granddaughter, **Erica**, recovering from burns received in an accident.
- Laurel Jordan's dad, **Russell Winquist**, is entering end stages of his battle with bladder cancer.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Roy DeJonge, BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Kim Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Andrew Lau, Kim (VanPortfliet) Start, 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), **Ben Westrick**

Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- **Our Family at Home members** – Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Norma Boss, Ron & Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei
FAH Birthdays: September 21 – Ron Cook, Byron Center Manor, 2115 84th St., Ste. A, Byron Center, 49315
September 24 – Janet Pofahl, 3954 Mohawk, Grandville, 49418

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Bud Pratt - 708-302-5645,
Matt Cook - 616-893-4189 or consistory vice president Bob Stelma - 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carole Kempema	85 on the 1 st
Ron Cook	88 on the 2 nd
James Danek	81 on the 6 th
Victor DeJonge	83 on the 12 th
Evelyn Telgen	88 on the 13 th
Ruth Cole	94 on the 16 th
Janet Pofahl	95 on the 24 th
Marilyn DeVree	89 on the 28 th
Karen Diekema	83 on the 29 th