

The Growing Season
September 26, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Hope and Trust (Psalter #120)

William O. Perkins, arr. Lisa Hoekstra

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Songs of Praise

Ever Be Kalley Heiligenthal, Gabriel Wilson, Chris Greely, Bobby Strand
Reckless Love Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, making the heart rejoice.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: As we continue in worship today.....

People: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

*The Hymn of Praise

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, ST. ANNE William Croft

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:38-50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Dumpster Diving”

The Prayers of God's People

Leader: When things are going well for us,

People: We forget to pray.

Leader: When things are going badly for us,

People: We forget to pray.

Leader: Are any of you cheerful?

People: You should pray.

Leader: Are any of you sick or suffering?

People: You should pray.

Leader: Pray for yourself.

People: Pray for one another.

Leader: The prayers of the faithful matter to God.

ALL: Pray without ceasing!

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Hymn

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Cecil F. Alexander, GALILEE William H. Jude

The News of the Church Alive

The Video

Welcome to Western Theological Seminary

*The Closing Song

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ed Cash

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

O Worship the King

J. Michael Haydn, arr. Dan Forrest

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

September 19 Collection Plate \$ 11,855.00

Online Giving: \$ 5,952.00

Total Offering: \$ 17,807.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2021 budget \$ 16,975.00

2021 Annual budget \$882,740.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday Children's Programming Schedule:

1st and 2nd Sunday of the month:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

1st Grade-5th Grade can be dropped off in the downstairs Assembly Room when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

1st Grade-5th Grade can be dropped off in the downstairs Assembly Room AFTER the worship service & picked up at 11:30 am

Please note: We are following Grandville Public School Covid guidelines, so masks are required for kids, as well as our volunteers at this time.

There will not be Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & High School (9th - 12th grades) Sunday School today. We will meet again next week.

Middle School youth group meets on Sundays from 4:00pm - 5:30pm in the Youth gym.

High School youth group meets on Sundays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth gym.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. We will continue to study *Walking with God in the Desert*, a study by Ray VanderLaan. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Bells of Joy – Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

FOCUS will start on October 6. Please sign up at the Sign Up Center if you are planning on eating dinner at church on Wednesdays. If you know of anyone that would like a Wednesday night meal delivered to them please call the office – 534-5465.

Pine Ridge Mission Trip: After a two year hiatus, we will be returning to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation next Summer, July 29 through August 6. We have reserved 15 spots, but only four are still available. Please let Pastor Bud know if you would like to join us as we walk with our Lakota brothers and sisters in mutual love and respect.

Inquirer's Class - Our next Inquirer's class will begin on October 31 at 11:00 AM in Pastor Bud's office. This class will occur at 11:00 AM for four consecutive weeks (through November 21) and is designed to help you make a decision about membership in our family of faith. Please call the office to let us know of your interest!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our church is participating in a coat collection for Roosevelt Park Ministries. **Today through October 6**, we will be collecting new and gently used coats. They will make these available to the families they serve through their ministry. All items should be clean and in good condition. There is a box in the narthex for your donations. Boy's, girl's, men's, and women's coats of all sizes are needed, especially children's coats. If you would like to help the days of the event, please contact Leeana Koster at the phone number or email listed below:

Office line: 616-475-5881

Email: family.worker@rooseveltparkministries.org

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 home recovering from an infection.
- **Pat Lantinga**, at home recovering from a stroke.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Ron Cook, Roy DeJonge, BJ Veneklasen, Trudie Wierda, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Chuck Duimstra, Kim Duimstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi, Jakob Kempema, Rikki Leanne DePuy.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- Bob & Carol Verburg, at the death of Bob's brother, Loren, on September 18.

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: Oct. 10 – Crystal Baum, 2205 Mapleton NE, Grand Rapids, 49505

Oct. 10 – Arlene Jacobitz, Cambridge Manor, 0-151 Port Sheldon, S-12, 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.

Upcoming in Adult Education - Join us after worship upstairs in room 308 from 10:45 to 11:30 for these upcoming opportunities:

9/26/21- **The Myths of Medicaid** - Ashley VanDyk will be going over nursing home Medicaid and the Medicaid waiver. She will go over the myths of spending down and how to plan.

10/3/21 **Town Hall with Jeff Watson** and Bud Pratt - Come and talk with Jeff & Bud about transition and the church.

10/10, 10/17, 10/24 - "**Table and Temple**" with David Stubbs from Western Seminary - David will lead a three week exploration of the Old Testament temple practices and how they relate to our communion celebration.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Browneye	81 on the 7 th
Don Scovel	82 on the 9 th
Crystal Baum	94 on the 10 th
Joyce Bolthouse	86 on the 11 th
David Krombeen	80 on the 26 th