

The Growing Season
October 10, 2021
The Sacrament of Infant Baptism
The Celebration of God's Faithfulness

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Festival Prelude

David H. Petit

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His.

People: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let us praise God!

*The Song of Praise

We Are Called

David Haas

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

The Scriptural Mandate

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Vows of the Parents

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

Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin
Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

The Mission Update

Mark

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.

Mark 10:17-31

The Message

"Good Teacher"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Thomas Chisholm, FAITHFULNESS William Runyan

The Celebration of God's Faithfulness

*The Song of Celebration

Happy Day

Tim Hughes, Ben Cantelon

*The News of the Church Alive

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

arr. David N. Johnson

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Patty Pratt; Trumpeter – Aaron Good; Praise Team

Being baptized today is Lucie Rae Van Der Klok, daughter of David and Amanda.

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

October 3 Collection Plate	\$ 12,450.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,847.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,297.00

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.

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

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. Donuts provided.

Adult Education - in the upstairs Adult Ed room from 10:45 to 11:30 - 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.

Middle School youth group - 4:00pm - 5:30pm – drop off and pick up kids at Wedgwood Park today. Pizza provided.

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

OTHER HAPPENINGS

College Student Addresses - If you have a son/daughter in college, would you please email your college student's address to mail@firstgrandville.org. The FOCUS kids are putting together college care packages for them.

Esther Circle – meets the first Tuesday of each month in the upstairs adult classroom. We meet at 9:30am for a time of coffee, fellowship, informal Bible study and great mission projects for our community and our church. We would love to have you join us. Call Joyce Bolthouse if you have any questions. 643-8223 We will meet this Tuesday, October 5, lesson 11.

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. We study pages 117-135 in *Walking with God in the Desert*, for the October 13 session. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Bells of Joy – Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

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

Church Directories - Updated church directories have been placed in your mailslot in the Activity Center.

First Reformed Church Blood Drive at Versiti Blood Center of MI – October 20 – 30 – 3140 Wilson Ave., Grandville. When scheduling your own appointment, please put “First Grandville” in the comments. Or please call Ashley at 616-514-0790 or email aminor@versiti.org to schedule your appointment. Just one hour of your time will help save three lives!

Online Giving - Have you heard about our online giving options but don't know how it all works? Today the deacons will be available in the parlor following the service to answer questions and walk you through the process of signing up for giving online. It can be done manually or on a scheduled basis, and we can help you quickly get it set up right after the service.

Grandville Walker Firehouse Café Senior Neighbors – Invite you to the Health Fair 2021 “Embrace Life” –

Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021

Time: 9:30am to 2:00pm

Place: Grandville First Reformed Church

Schedule of Events

9:30am – Vendor Health Fair, Silent Auction, 50/50 opens

10:30am – Dave Kampfschulte “*Every Day with Morrie*”

11:30am – Health Fair Vendor Presentations

11:45am – Lunch (\$2.75 donation over 60, \$3.50 under 60)

12:15pm to 1:15pm – “The Other’s” Music

1:30pm – Silent Auction ends, 50/50 ends

FOCUS – Wednesdays - Dinner (with covid protocol) begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be a ham dinner. At 6:30 kids K-5th grade go to the Assembly Room downstairs and Adults can attend Pastor Bud's class on **THE PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE** in the Adult Ed room upstairs. From 7:00-8:00 PM the Adult Choir meets in the sanctuary (where those attending Pastor Bud's class can join them at 7:20 PM). K-5th graders have Children's Choir from 7:15-8:00 PM upstairs in the kids' choir room. Masks will be encouraged throughout the evening as we begin gathering in close quarters.

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!

Cran Hill Camping Weekend 2022 - Now is the time again to start planning for next summer's church campout at Cran Hill Ranch. I need to get a tentative count of who might be interested in going on the campout next summer. I know it is a long way away but we always have to start early. I am going to try to get the 3rd weekend in July 2022 like we had last year. Please check out your schedules and see if this is a possibility. We would love to see you all. If you have never camped with us, we invite you to join us next year! I will be putting a signup sheet at the signup center for you to sign up or you can email me (Cheryl DeVries) at youravoncheryl@gmail.com to let me know you are interested. We had 12 families this past year. I am hoping we can make it at least 15 this coming year!

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:

- **Kathy Thompson**, dealing with a bruised right femur and fractured left ankle following an accident.
- **Bob Schuitman**, home recovering from back surgery.
- **Jan Hodges**, her shoulder surgery was postponed.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Kay Mekkes, Pat Lantinga, 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.**

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.