

The Growing Season

October 17, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Grand Processional on Lobe den Herren

Martin Shaw, arr. Dale Wood

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Awake, My Soul

Jesse Reeves, Daniel Carson
Jason Ingram, Chris Tomlin

*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,

People: It's time to sing Your song again.

Leader 2: Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

People: Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Leader 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship His Holy name.

People: Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name.

Leader 2: Let us continue to worship His Holy name in this place today as we praise the Lord!

*The Song of Praise

All the Poor and Powerless

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard

The Confession and Assurance

Leader 1: We have to stop trying to earn the approval of Jesus by serving Him.

People: We have to humble ourselves like little children and let Him serve us.

Leader 2: We are called to love others, to serve and sacrifice rather than boast and seek to improve our own status and lord it over others.

Leader 1: Can we do this apart from Jesus?

Leader 2: Apart from Jesus we can do nothing. We cannot drink His cup, we cannot endure His baptism, we cannot serve others. In order to do anything meaningful we must "abide in me and I in you".

People: We must live by faith in God's abundant grace.

*The Song of Gratitude

Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

Michael Farren
Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson

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 10:35-45

The Message

"The Ladder of Greatness"

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 Song

We Are Called to Be God's People

Thomas Jackson
AUSTRIAN HYMN Franz Joseph Haydn

The Mission Update

Josh & Virginia Ham

The News of the Church Alive

*The Affirmation of Faith

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Barbara Boertje

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Colin & Naomi Diekman; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

October 10 Collection Plate \$ 10,360.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,897.00

Total Offering: \$ 14,257.00

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:

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.

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 - 10/17, 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 - 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

College Student Addresses - If you have a son/daughter in college, 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. 616-643-8223.

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 137-150. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Bells of Joy – Tuesdays, 6:30pm.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 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!

Pig-in-the-blankets - Esther Circle will be making pig-in-the-blankets this year. The cost is \$10 per package of 6. They will be available for pick up Friday, November 12, at noon, and after worship on Sunday, November 14. Please place your order on the form at the sign up center.

Maple Tree Preschool Panera Bread Fundraiser Night – Tuesday, October 26, from 4:00-8:00pm – This is at the Kenowa location (32 44th St., Grandville). Order online at Panerabread.com and enter code PRFUND at checkout. You can also bring a flyer (found on the table in the narthex) or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the café to ensure Maple Tree will receive a portion of the proceeds.

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 meatloaf. Classes for kids and adults begin at 6:30pm. Chancel choir meets from 7:00-8:00pm. 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 one is 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 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. It seems a long way off, but we always have to start early. I am hoping to get the 3rd weekend in July, 2022. Please check out your schedules to 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! To sign up, fill out the sheet at the sign up center or 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:

- **Nancy Matthews**, hospitalized with pneumonia.
- **Kathy Thompson**, dealing with a bruised right femur and fractured left ankle following an accident.
- **Bob Schuitman**, home recovering from back surgery.
- 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.**

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

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Rev. John Tien, who was a member of the pastoral staff at First Church from 1978-1989.

Thank you, First Church, for your love. Thank you for the plant, for Myrt's visit and for all your prayers. I love you all – Crystal Baum.

Thank you, congregation, for the cards, calls, visits and flowers for my 95th birthday – Janet Pofahl.

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.