

## The Growing Season

October 24, 2021

### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Amazing Grace*  
*Sacred Harp Medley*

arr. Dan Musselman  
WARRENTON, BEACH SPRING arr. Brant Adams

### WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

***O Worship the King***

Robert Grant  
LYONS William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, attr. Johann M. Haydn

\*The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Today is a gift from God.

Leader 2: *This is a day to reflect, to offer thanks, and to seek good.*

Leader 1: Today we reflect on Your faithfulness and give thanks that You walk with us every day.

Leader 2: *On this holy day, we give thanks that Your promises are true and Your goodness never fails.*

**All: Today we join with generations past and present and cry,  
"Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."**

\*The Songs of Praise

***Holy Is the Lord***  
***Awesome God***  
***Blessed Be Your Name***

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio  
Rich Mullins  
Matt Redman, Beth Redman

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: Lord God, sometimes our hearts are glazed over and hardened by grief.

Leader 2: *In the middle of our pain, we wonder whether or not we can trust You.*

Leader 1: Sometimes, we even wonder if You are the enemy.

Leader 2: *Help us to take a long look at the hand You stretch out to us in Jesus Christ.*

Leader 1: Help us to make a choice for faith instead of despair.

Leader 2: *Help us to see that the hand You offer us is one that is scarred with pain.*

Leader 1: Help us to accept the comfort You give through Your love.

Leader 2: *Because we can't see You, help us to listen, and listen closely.*

**All: Lord, Your words give hope to the hopeless, courage to the fearful, and joy to the downcast. We know You hear our cries and that Your mercy is always with us, pulling us forward, healing and restoring us. Amen.**

The Anthem

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Joseph Hart, William Walker, arr. Jay Rouse

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader 1: The Lord hears us when we call to Him for help.

Leader 2: *He rescues us from our troubles.*

Leader 1: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those who are crushed in spirit.

Leader 2: The Lord has called us, He claims us, and we are redeemed through His love.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Are the Righteous Rewarded?"**

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

*The Mission/How Great Thou Art*

Arr. Jon Schmidt, Al van der Beek  
Steven Sharp Nelson

The Mission Update

70x7 Prison Ministry

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Song of Assurance

***Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor***

Matthew Papa, Matthew Boswell

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Festive Piece*

Dennis Eliot

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Jeff Watson, Emmerson Roberts; Organist – Beth Sweers; Cellist – Kevin Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team, Youth Praise Team

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

October 17 Collection Plate \$ 21,292.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,797.00

Total Offering: \$ 25,089.00

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 & High School youth group** – will both be going to the Fruit Ridge Corn Maze tonight. Meet at the Youth building at 5:45 to take the bus to the corn maze. Cost is \$10 for the corn maze, bonfire, donuts and apple cider. Pick up will be at 8:30 at the Youth building.

**Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets Monday, October 25, at 7:27pm at the Haight's home – 5603 Stonebridge Dr. Questions? Contact Jeff Watson at [jeffw@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org) or 616-250-7148.

**WyldLife** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month in the Family Life Center.

## Young Life Fall Weekend -

**WHERE:** Timber Wolf Lake in Lake City, MI

**WHEN:** November 12-14, 2021

Departure: Friday, November 12th at 6PM from Grandville Middle School.

Return: Sunday, November 14th around 2PM.

**COST:** \$165 [includes transportation, food and lodging]

Money is nonrefundable after November 1st.

To sign up register at <https://grsw.younglife.org/camp/> or contact Jeff Watson at [jeffw@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org) or 616-250-7148.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

**College Student Addresses** - If you have a son/daughter in college, please email your college student's address to [mail@firstgrandville.org](mailto: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 150-165. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

**Anna Circle** – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am in the upstairs small adult ed room. We are studying the book *Winning the War in Your Mind*.

**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](mailto: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 4:00-7:00pm – This is at the Kenowa location (32 44<sup>th</sup> St., Grandville). Order online at [Panerabread.com](http://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 chicken carbonera. 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** - July 15-17, 2022 - the deadline to sign up is October 31. To sign up, fill out the sheet at the sign up center or email Cheryl DeVries at [youravoncheryl@gmail.com](mailto:youravoncheryl@gmail.com).

### **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:**

- **BJ Veneklasen**, battling leukemia and a high white blood cell count at Butterworth.
- **Sarah Farney**, seeking treatment for subglottic stenosis (a narrowing of the windpipe).
- **Bob Verburg**, at Brookcrest for rehab and recovery following pneumonia.
- **Sally Wierda**, recovering from having a pacemaker put in.
- **Nancy Matthews**, recovering from pneumonia.
- **Kathy Thompson**, dealing with a bruised right femur and fractured left ankle following an accident.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for:** **Bob Schuitman, 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

### **THANK YOU...**

...for the cards, prayers, and meals following Bob's surgery. **Bob & Shirley Schuitman**

...to my church family for all the cards, phone calls, food, visits and mainly your prayers. Through you, my recovery time has been filled with love, joy and peace that only God can give. **Kathy Thompson**

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.