

The Growing Season
The Celebration of Reformation and All Saints' Sunday
October 31, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Fairest Lord Jesus
Cantad al Señor
(Oh, Sing to the Lord)*

Crusader's Hymn, setting by Joel Raney
Brazilian folk song arr. Kevin McChesney

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

A Prayer for All Saints' Day

Leader 1: Let us pray: Almighty and loving God, we thank and bless You for the encouragement You have given us through teachers and mentors and witnesses of Your love.

Leader 2: We pray that as we lead worship today, You will use our words and actions to encourage others.

All: May this worship service truly enable us to sense our communion with all the people of God in every time and place, to the glory and praise of You alone, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Reformation Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther EIN FESTE BURG

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

Leader 2: there is no end to His greatness.

Leader 1: One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your power.

Leader 2: All Your works praise You, Lord, and Your faithful servants bless You.

Leader 1: They make known the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your power.

Leader 2: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

All: Let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

Leader 1: To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Leader 2: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

All: We worship Him now!

*The Song of Praise

***Holy Spirit
Because We Believe***

Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt
Jamie Harvill, Nancy Gordon

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 11:32-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Unbound"

The Recognition of the Saints

The Memorial Prayer

*The Hymn of Gratitude

For All the Saints

William How, Ralph Vaughan Williams

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Song

One Generation Will Call to the Next

Greg Scheer

The News of the Church Alive

*The Song of Sending

Thrive

Mark Hall, Matthew West

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Fanfare on "Ein feste burg"

James Pethel

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – June Williams, Tony Williams; Organist – Beth Sweers; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

October 17 Collection Plate	\$ 8,495.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,897.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 12,392.00

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.

2nd- 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.

1st graders and their parents are invited to a special time together with 1st Grade Bible Presentation after worship until 11:30am in Room #113 North.

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

Middle School & High School youth group – will not be meeting tonight. We will resume Sunday, November 7.

Young Life (9th-12th grade) – meets Monday, November 1, at 7:27pm at the VanVliet's home – 517 Stonehenge Dr. Questions? Contact Jeff Watson at jeffw@firstgrandville.org or 616-250-7148.

WyldLife (7th-8th grade) – meets the 1st & 3rd 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 or 616-250-7148.

Inquirer's Class - Our next Inquirer's class will begin TODAY 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.

Youth Mission Trip fundraisers:

- **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 Dominican Republic Mission Trip Dutch Apple Pie Fundraiser** - Rainbow Grill Dutch apple pies. Cost is \$15 per pie. Sign up sheet at the Sign Up Center. Orders can be received until Friday, November 12. Pick up from the church on Saturday, November 20, at 1:00pm at the Youth Lounge. Money due at pick up.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Singers Welcome! The Chancel Choir is preparing Advent and Christmas music. You are invited to sing with us. Please attend rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning in November. We will prepare the cantata "Were You There on that Christmas Night?" to share in worship on December 5. Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 4, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Contact Patty Pratt (708.302.6327) for more information.

ADVENT FESTIVAL - We will be having our annual Advent Festival on Sunday, November 28th from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm. If you are interested in helping in any way - preparing craft supplies before the 28th, helping at a craft station during the event on the 28th, being a part of the live nativity or helping with the meal, please sign up at the sign-up center or let Angie know angie@firstgrandville.org.

There will be no **3 year old-Kindergarten or 1st grade-5th grade children's programming** on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th or Sunday, November 28th. Nursery will be provided on both of those dates.

Esther Circle – meets this Tuesday, November 2, at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed classroom. Join us for a time of coffee, fellowship, informal Bible study and great mission projects for our community and our church. We will be starting a new book on Psalm 23. 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 166-177. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Anna Circle – meets the 2nd and 4th 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.

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.

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 roast pork. 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.

A MONTH OF GIVING

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable foods and basic needs items for the **Domestic Crisis Center**. Bring your gifts into the sanctuary beginning November 7 as we fill the front steps with our gratitude to God for his many blessings, culminating on Thanksgiving Day as we worship and give thanks (10:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day). We will also receive these items the next morning (Friday, Nov. 26) from 9-11 AM in the East parking lot. Volunteers will be available to unload your car that morning.

We are also collecting new unopened toys for the **Other Way Christmas Store** (unwrapped with prices still attached). You can find a list of needed items in your mailslot. The Christmas Store makes these gifts available to low income families at greatly reduced prices. There are boxes in the narthex for your toy donations. The toy drive ends on December 5.

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.
- **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**, at home recovering from pneumonia.
- 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
November FAH birthdays: 11-27 – Helen Dertien, Sunset Manor, 725 Baldwin #2046, Jenison 49428
11-29 – Pat Marcusse, Lakeside Vista, 340 W. 40th St., Holland 49423

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Ferris	82 on the 2 nd
Chuck Porte	85 on the 11 th
Leonora Smit	88 on the 12 th
Gerald Brouwer	85 on the 22 nd
Helen Dertien	92 on the 27 th
Pat Marcusse	90 on the 29 th