

The Growing Season

November 7, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Kum Ba Yah*

African American Spiritual arr. John F. Wilson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome and Greeting

\*The Hymn of Praise

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Isaac Watts

ELLACOMBE *Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle*

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: Praise the Lord through prayer!

**People: Praise the Lord through songs!**

Leader: Praise the Lord through living our lives as God is directing us.

**People: Praise the Lord through enjoying the world He has created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord through spending time in His presence.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, PRAISE THE LORD!**

Leader: Let us continue to praise the Lord in this place.

\*The Songs of Praise

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Mighty to Save*

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash  
Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

We Confess

Leader: We know there are many places in the Bible that tell us how we should act and how we should not act.

**People: We sometimes try to follow these instructions, but we fail.**

Leader: God gives us many warnings and He gives us examples to follow and examples not to follow.

**People: We still fail.**

We Receive Assurance of Our Salvation

Leader: We realize that this failure to follow God's teaching is sin, and the penalty for this is eternal death.

**People: But we also rejoice in the fact that while we were sinners, God sent His Son to die for us.**

Leader: If we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.

**People: Our fears for today and our worries about tomorrow cannot separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.**

Leader: PRAISE THE LORD!

\*The Song of Gratitude

*Salvation Belongs to Our God*

Adrian Howard, Pat Turner

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 9:24-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"License Plate Tabs and the Great High Priest"**

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

*My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness* Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, arr. James Koerts

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Closing Song

**Our God**

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Foundation*

Bonnie Barrett

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Organist – Beth Sweers; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

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

Instagram: [frcgrandville](#)

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

October 31 Collection Plate	\$ 7,278.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,212.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 9,490.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00
<b>Text to Give</b> - 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) **Bible Study** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. Donuts provided.

**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.

**YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

**Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets Monday, November 8, at 7:27pm at the Brinks home –3936 Hall St. . 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Men's Bible Study** - meets Thursday, November 11, at 2:30PM at Marge's Donut Den. David Bast will lead the discussion based upon Genesis 1, titled "The Reality of the Trinity". Doughnuts and coffee are provided. Bring a friend.

**Women in the Word** – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 177-187. 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..

**Pig-in-the-blankets** - Esther Circle will be making pig-in-the-blankets this year. **Today is the last day to sign up!** 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 Sloppy Joes. 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.

## WAYS 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.

**Food Pantry needs** - Pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, crackers. You can place these items in the grocery cart in the Activity Center.

**Advent Festival Supplies** - We are in need of empty paper towel & toilet paper tubes for one of our Advent Festival Crafts this year as well as any old barn/fence wood. These items can be dropped off in the office between now & November 21st as we will need the week of the 21st to prep these items.

### **Volunteers Needed to Deliver Hope, Love and Weekend Food to Local Children**

Many school kids rely on free breakfast and lunch programs but do not have food during the weekend. Our Mission Council is partnering with Hand 2 Hand to help meet this need for approximately 25 students at the Potters House School. We are in need of a lead coordinator (3 hrs per week), a food coordinator (3 hrs per week), packing volunteers (1-2 hrs per month) and delivery drivers (30 minutes per week). If interested, please contact Jeff Muller at 616-889-5187 or [jeff@mullerdesign.net](mailto:jeff@mullerdesign.net). For more information about Hand 2 Hand, please visit [h2hkids.org](http://h2hkids.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:**

- **BJ Veneklasen**, has been admitted to a trial chemo for her leukemia.
- **Sarah Farney**, having surgery for subglottic stenosis on December 3 at the University of Michigan.
- **Bob Poll**, receiving radiation for non hodgkin's lymphoma.
- **Bob Verburg**, at home continuing to recover from pneumonia.
- **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. 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

...for all your cards, flower, and prayers for my 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. I love you and my church and my God who cares for me always. God bless you all. **Crystal Baum**

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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