

The Growing Season

November 14, 2021

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

The Prelude

Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome and Greeting

\*The Gathering Song

**Yes, He Can**

Madison Cain, Logan Cain, Taylor Cain, Jeff Pardo

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: We come to You, O God, to thank You for what is good.

**People: We come to You, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

Leader: We come to You, O God, to seek restoration.

**People: We come to You, O God, with weary hearts and glad souls.**

Leader: Let us worship our God.

\*The Hymn of Praise

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Christian Henry Bateman  
MADRID Spanish melody, arr. Benjamin Carr, harm. David Evans

The Confession

Leader: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts that we may be able to confess to You our whole story: the parts that are lovely and good and the parts that are hurtful and hateful.

**People: We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

Leader: We love with condition.

**People: We judge and condemn.**

Leader: We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

**All: We do not turn to You to guide our living. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to imitate Christ in love and service. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness

from Hebrews 10

Leader: Christ has offered a single sacrifice for all of our sins.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, let us approach with true hearts in full assurance of faith, with our hearts washed clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful.

\*The Song of Gratitude

**Held in Your Hands**

Jason Ingram, Kevin Huguley, Wesley Willis

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Shaking the Heavens and the Earth"**

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

**The Stand with The Solid Rock**

Joel Houston, Edward Mote, William Bradbury

The Recognition of Veterans

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Forth

*Send the Light/This Little Light of Mine*  
Charles H. Gabriel, African American Spiritual

arr. Joseph M. Martin

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*When I Can Read My Title Clear*

Scottish melody, arr. Mark Hayes

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organist – Beth Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

October 31 Collection Plate	\$ 10,716.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 7,542.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 18,258.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2021 budget	\$ 16,975.00
2021 Annual budget	\$882,740.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

Budget Update as of October 31, 2021	
Offerings received	\$643,496.00
Expenses paid	- <u>\$647,083.00</u>
	(\$ - 3,587.00)

**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) No **Bible Study** today.

**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 15, at 7:27pm at church. 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** - Pick up your apple pies 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.

**Women in the Word** – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 189-201 . 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

**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.

**Wednesday, November 17 around 6:00** - Help is needed for a special 70x7 Prison Ministry project. Please come help write out Christmas greetings and stuff envelopes. Let's let folks who are in prison know that they are loved and not forgotten. The event will begin around 6:00 in the parlor behind the narthex. See you there!

### 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:

- **Bill & Donna VanHorn**, dealing with Covid.
- **Chuck Duimstra and his family**, as he faces ongoing and declining health issues.
- **BJ Veneklasen**, has been admitted to a trial chemo for her leukemia, currently at Spectrum.
- **Sarah Farney**, having surgery for subglottic stenosis on December 3 at the University of Michigan.
- **Bob Poll**, receiving radiation for non hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Ron Cook, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi, Jakob Kempema,**

### 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.