

Christmastide
January 2, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Anne Krentz Organ

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome and Greeting

*The Hymn of Praise *As with Gladness Men of Old* William C. Dix, DIX, Conrad Kocher

*The Call to Worship

Leader : This the day the Lord has made.

People : We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the year the Lord has begun.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*The Songs of Praise

*Shine on Us
That's Why We Praise Him*

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: As we end a year, give us grace to reflect on what has happened.

People: Convict us of the sin we have committed; forgive us for the opportunities we have missed; heal us from our wounds and comfort us in our loss.

Leader: We ask for discernment in the year ahead.

People: Help us to walk and rest with You daily; to prioritize our spiritual activity; to seek opportunities to grow in faith and love; to share with the world around us the good news of salvation.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

from Lamentations

Leader: "Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning."

People: Great is Thy faithfulness!

The Song of Response

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Edith McNeill

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Righteousness, Service, and Grace"

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

Noel

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Waymaker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional English carol, Jennifer Eklund

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching –Pastor Matt Cook; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink; Organist – Beth Sweers; Flute – Barb Nienhuis; Soloist – Susie Jolink; Praise team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

December 19 Collection Plate	\$ 10,639.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 12,022.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 22,661.00

Thanksgiving offering as of 12/22 \$ 20,111.00 Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

Average weekly offering needed to make 2022 budget	\$ 18,258.00
2022 Annual budget	\$949,429.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

No Sunday school programming until January 9. Nursery will be provided.

Jr. High & High School Bible study and Youth group will resume January 9.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

High School Winter Retreat – Spring Hill – January 14-16. Cost is \$155. Email Jeff if you are interested - jeffw@firstgrandville.org

Jr. High Winter Retreat – TimberWolf Lake – January 28 – 30. Cost is \$165. Email Jeff if you are interested jeffw@firstgrandville.org

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.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

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*.

Esther Circle – meets this Tuesday, January 4, at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. We are studying Lesson 3. Questions? Call Joyce Bolthouse – 616-643-8223

Women in the Word – will meet again on January 12 at 9:30 in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 223-232 . Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Men's Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 PM. We meet at Marge's Donut Den, 1751 28th St., Wyoming, MI. Our leaders are David Bast and Mark Davis. All are welcome!

Bells of Joy – Tuesdays, 6:30pm.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00pm

FOCUS – Wednesdays - Dinner (with covid protocol) begins at 5:30 PM. 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.

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:

- **Ben Smitley**, recovering from surgery for a torn meniscus.
- **Ted Wierenga**, at home recovering from a severely broken elbow.
- **Chuck Duimstra and his family**, as he faces ongoing and declining health issues.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Don Ferris, Lois Morehouse, Glenn Zwart, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Misty Holwerda, Erica Obi**

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, Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

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...

... to our First Reformed family for the support you have shown to our family with the recent passing of our father and grandfather, Ron Cook. We have been so blessed by our church family living out Galatians 6:10 "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." **Lee & Mary Cook & family**

... for the flowers and Christmas cards I received. They brightened my day and warmed my heart. I felt the love from everyone.

Karin Dykstra

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Bernson	80 on the 2 nd	Don Ferris	85 on the 27 th
Lois Kosten	84 on the 11 th	Fran Rinkus	92 on the 28 th
Marjorie Fisk	86 on the 20 th		