

Epiphany
January 16, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Based on the tune from "Geistliche Kirchengesänge", 1623

Gregg Sewell

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 36

Leader: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

People: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Leader: Let us seek to feast on the abundance of the Lord and drink deeply from the fountain of life as we join together in worship!

*The Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King St. Francis of Assisi, tr. William Draper
LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Time and again You tell us how much You love us.

People: Time and again we're lukewarm.

Leader: Time and again You invite us to enter more deeply into relationship with You.

People: Time and again we drag our feet.

Leader: Time and again You offer to carry our burdens.

People: Time and again we shrug and pick them right back up.

Leader: We find it nearly impossible to reach out and accept that which You give us so generously.

People: Forgive us for our apathy. We pray that You will continue to reach out to us even when we fail to reach back to You.

The Assurance of Pardon

from Isaiah 62:4-5

Leader: You shall no more be called "Forsaken" but you shall be called My Delight is in Her, for the Lord delights in you.

For as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*The Song of Response

From the Inside Out

Joel Houston, arr. Scott Harris

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 2:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"A Sign of Something More"

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

Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

The News of the Church Alive

The Nehemiah Project Special Offering

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
RESIGNATION, Southern Harmony, 1835

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Recessional

F.W. Asper

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching –Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

January 9 Collection Plate	\$ 3,697.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 5,412.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 9,109.00

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

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

SPECIAL OFFERING: A special offering will be received on TODAY to help rebuild the total collapse of the Presbyterian Church in Manaus, Brazil due to heavy rains and flooding. This is our partner church in Brazil for the work of our missionaries, Lia and Thiago Dantas, who bring Christ's love (and medical care) to the indigenous tribes along the Negros and Amazon Rivers.

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

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** 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 (9th-12th grade) – meets Monday, January 31, at 7:27pm at church. Questions? Contact Jon Hull at jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

WyldLife (7th-8th grade) – on January 18 there will be a combined club. They will be meeting at Rebounderz from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Starting February 1 they meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Family Life Center. Contact Paige Corfixsen – 616-710-0865 or Emma Kukla – 616-666-4811 with questions.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

High School Winter Retreat – Spring Hill – February 18 - 20. **Note date change.** 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 the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. We are studying the Twenty Third Psalm.

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 233-243. 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 – will resume February 2 - 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. We will begin a new adult ed class (taught by Pastor Bud) titled "**GO EAT POP CORN**" (a 7 week study of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians) which starts at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Hand2hand – We are taking non-perishable food donations for hand2hand. These items need to be in individual packets. Items needed are: popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, pretzels, goldfish crackers, any bagged snack, meat sticks, instant cereal, instant mac n cheese, soup. There is a box in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you!

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:

- **Ted Wierenga**, as he continues to rehab and recover.
- **Jim Baer**, suffered a broken ankle, knee and shoulder injuries in Florida after a fall.
- **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: Lois Morehouse, 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lois Kosten	85 on the 11 th	Don Ferris	86 on the 27 th
Marjorie Fisk	87 on the 20 th	Fran Rinkus	93 on the 28 th

A NOTE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES BOB AND AMY ABEL: Remember Nhu is looking to hire a **Medical & Dental Wellness Coordinator**. This is a **full time self-supported** position which would include travel to our countries with medical and dental teams. However, it is such an important need that we would also be **willing to hire someone part time** if it fit better for where the candidate is at in life. This is a huge need for Remember Nhu and a great opportunity to make a high impact for preventing child sex slavery around the globe! Please send inquiries to Don Sappington, Director of Strategic Initiatives: don@remembernhu.org