

Epiphany
January 23, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio)
Now the Green Blade Rises (Nöel Nouvelet)

Hal H. Hopson
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WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Sky

German text, tr. Edward Caswall
LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barby

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

Leader: Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,

People: that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

People: Lord God, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*The Praise Song

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Our Review of God's Law

from Psalm 19 and Exodus 20

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

People: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

People: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before Me.

People: You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

People: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: You shall not murder.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: You shall not steal.

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

People: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

People: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

*The Song of Preparation

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:14-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Wonderful Words of Life"

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

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ed Cash

The News of the Church Alive

The Sending Forth

And the Child Grew

Randall Thompson

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Jubilate (Madrid)

Benjamin Carr, arr. Alice Jordan

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching –Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Beth Sweers; Bells of Joy; Chancel Choir; Praise team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

January 16 Collection Plate	\$ 22,056.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,532.00
Total Offering:	\$ 25,588.00

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

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

Year end accounting 2021	
Total income	\$828,260.00
Total expense	- \$818,814.00
Net surplus	\$ 9,446.00

SPECIAL OFFERING: The special offering for the rebuilding of our partner church in Brazil was generous! We have received \$4,794.00 as of January 20. The deacons have authorized keeping that special offering opportunity open until the end of January for those who didn't have a chance to participate. PLEASE CLEARLY MARK ANY GIFTS FOR THIS SPECIAL OFFERING TO MAKE SURE THE FUNDS GO TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

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) – 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 248-262. 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

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!

Food pantry needs – Pancake mix and syrup, canned meats, cake mix and frosting, muffin mix, and spaghetti sauce. You may drop these items off in the grocery cart located in the Activity Center.

LaCasa needs - Jose and Franciel Rivas (pastoring the LaCasa ministry here at FRC) have welcomed Franciel's cousin Edisamar and husband Nelson to live with them as new immigrants from Venezuela. They will be helping the LaCasa ministry with their musical gifts as they seek work visas from immigration. (This couple was part of Jose's team while church-planting in Venezuela).

Our new immigrant friends, Nelson & Edisamar Perozo Camacho, have some immediate needs for:

1. Toiletries- shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, body wash, lotion
2. Gift cards to Meijer, Old Navy, Target, or Kohl's for clothing (specific sizes available through Heidi Smitley), or gently used clothes or shoes.
3. Tutoring in English and/or opportunities to practice conversational English
4. Jose & Franciel could use a few gas cards (two trips to Detroit for immigration meetings), or grocery gift cards (Aldi & Walmart) as they house our new LaCasa friends.

Nelson & Edisamar would also like to volunteer where needed since they cannot officially be employed until they receive their visas.

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

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:

- **Jackson Pratt**, age 27, (Bud and Patty's nephew) diagnosed with a brain tumor and awaiting surgery at U of M.
- **Fran Rinkus**, recovering at Freedom Inn from a heart attack.
- **Ted Wierenga**, as he continues to rehab and recover.
- **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: Jim Baer, 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.

THANK YOU...

...for the cards, calls, and prayers during my recovery from back surgery. **Don Ferris**

Change to Barb Holwerda's cell phone number - 616-286-7382