

Epiphany
January 30, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Like a River Glorious

James Mountain, arr. Chris Rice

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader: We gather with joy to this celebration of God's love!

People: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive Your love.

Leader: We come with hope to this witness of God's power!

People: Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve You, Lord.

Leader: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

People: Let us worship, let us bring praise, let us give thanks for the gift of love.

*The Songs of Praise

*I Love You Lord
All the People Said Amen*

Laurie Klein
Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

The Confession of Sin

Leader: Merciful God, our faith is small, our trust is low, and our courage is weak.

People: We have been commanded to love one another, but we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our vision.

Leader: In our pride and self-righteous ways, we have turned from the cross of Christ.

People: Father, forgive us when we fail to follow Your example of love in truth and action. By the power of Your great love, transform our hearts and renew our minds, so that we may abide in You, and You may abide in us.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus, who laid down His life for us, loves us and shows us the way to live into eternal life. Rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: We are loved, forgiven, and made whole through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Song of Response

I Stand Amazed

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE, Charles H. Gabriel

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 13:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"The Way of Love"

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

Be Thou My Vision with "Shepherd's Song" from *Symphony #6 "Pastoral"*

Irish Folk Song
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Jennifer Eklund

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple
Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA, George Elvey, arr. Barbara Boertje

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Organist – Beth Sweers; Youth Singers; Praise team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

January 16 Collection Plate	\$ 7,724.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,277.00
Total Offering:	\$ 12,001.00

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 \$5,419.00 as of January 26. 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) **Bible study** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. Donuts provided.

No Middle School youth group today because of the winter retreat.

High School youth group meets on Sundays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth gym. **TONIGHT** meet in the Youth Lounge for pizza and then go sledding. Bring your own sled.

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. Cost is \$155. 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.
- **FOCUS dinner fundraiser** – February 23 from 5:30 to 6:30.

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, February 1, at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. We are studying lesson 4.

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 262-272. 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 this Wednesday, 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, chocolate ready to go protein milk from Costco (Fairlife). 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Zomerlei 85 on the 4
Alice Karsten 86 on the 9
Dick Robinson 81 on the 14th

Bob Verburg 83 on the 23rd
Leah Brinks 84 on the 25th
Carolyn Cole 82 on the 29th

Elders

Chris Bajema (23)
Mike Cline (22)
Mary Cook (22)
Steve DeVette (24)
Kim Donze (24)
Vicky Hawken (22)
Jan Hodges (23)
Chad Holleman (24)
Sue Plasman (24)
Heidi Smitley (23)
Bob Stelma (23)
Doug Timmer (22)

Deacons

Nicole Clark (22)
Mark Donker (24)
Ron Hasper (24)
Kelly Kievit (22)
Tim Kooima (22)
Abby Kleinheksel (22)
Bryce Lutke (24)
Anne Potyraj (24)
Justin Stadt (23)
Laura VanHekken (23)
Dan Venema (23)
Tony Williams (23)

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) recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor 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: 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
FAH Birthday: February 4 – Mary Zomerlei, Vista Springs, 3740 Richton NE, Rm 23, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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.