

Epiphany
February 6, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Prayer of Invocation

The Introit

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby, William H. Doane, arr. Mosie Lister

The Call to Worship

from I Corinthians 15

Leader: This we believe:

People: Christ died for our sins.

Leader: He was buried and raised from the grave on the third day.

People: He appeared to many of His followers.

Leader: He directed His apostles to represent Him to the world.

People: He is with us today.

Leader: Let us continue to worship Him in this place.

*The Praise Song

This I Believe

Matt Crocker, Ben Fielding

We Confess

Leader: After Peter, James and John caught the best catch of fish in their careers and brought their boats to shore...

People: They left everything and followed Jesus.

Leader: How is that different from what we do?

People: We seem to follow Jesus only when we are broken and defeated.

Our Assurance

Leader: The disciples made some difficult decisions to follow Jesus.

People: What do we have to do today to follow Jesus?

Leader: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

People: Praise the LORD!

*The Song of Assurance

God So Loved

Matt Crocker, Marty Sampson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“The Core of Our Faith”

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

Amazing Grace

John Newton, NEW BRITAIN Virginia Harmony

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Forth

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN, F.J. Haydn, Michael Larkin

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching –Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Bob Stelma; Organist – Patty Pratt; Men’s Ensemble; Praise team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

January 30 Collection Plate	\$ 8,170.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,022.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 10,192.00

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

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

BRAZIL SPECIAL OFFERING: Our special offering to help rebuild the Presbyterian Church of Manaus, Brazil received over \$7000.00! Thank you so much for your generous response to this immediate need.

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) **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, February 7, at 7:27pm at the Holleman’s – 3566 Apache Ct. We will be playing broomball so dress warmly. Questions? Contact Jon Hull at jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

WyldLife (7th-8th grade) – Meets 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.

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.

Maple Tree Preschool Registration - Preschool registration for 2022-2023 has begun! If you know of a family looking for a preschool, please have them check out www.mapletreepreschool.org and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

College Scholarships: Scholarship forms are available in the office or online. These are for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2022. They are due in the office no later than **Friday, April 8, at noon.**

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 270-278. 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 9 – Pulled pork 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 6 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.

Your Consistory (with term ending)

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 brain surgery and awaiting a second surgery.
- **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: Fran Rinkus, 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Zomerlei	85 on the 4	Bob Verburg	83 on the 23 rd
Alice Karsten	86 on the 9	Leah Brinks	84 on the 25 th
Dick Robinson	81 on the 14 th	Carolyn Cole	82 on the 29 th