

**Epiphany**  
February 13, 2022

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*In Thee Is Gladness*  
Based on IN DIR EST FREUDE by Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

Dale Wood

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

Charles Wesley, AZMON, Carl G. Glaser

\*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

\*The Song of Praise

***Ten Thousand Reasons***

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

The Confession of Sin

Leader: O Lord, we confess that our pursuit of happiness is all too often a pursuit of possessions.

**People: We seek out things that make our lives more comfortable. We seek out things that show off our success.**

Leader: We confuse the joy found in You with the transient happiness found in the world.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, when we get distracted by the world and lead us back into a deeper relationship with You.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-10

Leader: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

\*The Song of Response

***The Stand***

Joel Houston

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“Pursuit of Happiness”**

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

***Happy Day***

Tim Hughes, Ben Cantelon

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Song of Blessing

***We Receive Your Blessing***

Grace and Natasha Moes

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*How Great is Our God*

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organist – Beth Sweers; Praise team

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

February 6 Collection Plate	\$ 11,435.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 6,249.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 17,684.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2022 budget	\$ 18,258.00
2022 Annual budget	\$949,429.00
<b>Text to Give</b> - 616-208-4301	

**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.

**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** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets Monday, February 14, at 7:27pm at church. Questions? Contact Jon Hull at [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686.

**WyldLife** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 6:30pm.

**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am in the upstairs small adult ed room. We are studying the book *No Offense* by Craig Groeschel.

**Esther Circle** – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 285-295. 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** – Wednesday, February 16 – Baked Chicken dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Covid protocols are in place. 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**All Church Mini-Golf Event** - March 12 from 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Sign-up for a start time by going to the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABA82BA0F49-inside1>

We need volunteers to help make this Mini-Golf Event successful!

- Truck and trailer along with muscles to help move the mini-golf supplies to and from church. Pick up the supplies on Thursday, March 10 and return the supplies Monday, March 14 or Tuesday, March 15.
- Volunteers to greet people as they arrive and hand out the golf clubs, score cards, and pencils. You can volunteer for a few hours or several hours!
- Volunteers to help set up the course on March 10 & 11. Volunteers to help tear down the course after youth group on March 13 or March 14.

If you are able to help in any way, you can sign up at the sign up center or contact Lynne Rosema ([trosema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trosema@sbcglobal.net)), Jeff Watson or Jon Hull.

**Memorial Easter Plants** – We will purchase potted spring flowers to decorate the church for our Easter worship celebration. You are welcome to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory of a relative or friend or in thanksgiving for a friend or relative. Their name will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. There are forms available at the Sign Up Center, Welcome Desk and the Office to fill out and submit to the office along with \$15 per plant by March 27. After the Easter service, please take your plant home.

## 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.

## 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:

- **Howard Longcore**, Mike Longcore's father, age 96, who is currently in the hospital.
- **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.**

### We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **The family of Jack Longcore**, Mike Longcore's twin brother, who died Tuesday, February 1.
- **The family of Al Viening**, Ken Viening's brother, who died Saturday, February 5.

### 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.