



Living

Differently

LENT 2022

### Lent I

March 6, 2022

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Based on the tune BEECHER by John Zundel

The Prelude

Dale Wood

#### WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John.

Leader 2: We, too, come from many different places; to remember His story, and to offer our worship and to give witness to our faith.

**People: Gather us in, O God.**

Leader 1: Leaving the security of home, family and daily work, Jesus began a brave new journey;

Leader 2: may we be willing to embrace new paths and new ways to live differently.

**People: Gather us in, and invite us to venture out, O God.**

Leader 1: Knowing that Jesus would have begun this journey with human fears and apprehensions, we find the freedom to admit that we are not always courageous.

**People: Gather us in and give us courage, O God.**

Leader 2: Jesus remained open to the Spirit all the way, so as we gather to hear the familiar stories of Lent and Easter, may we be willing to hear them in new ways, as they call us to live differently.

**People: Gather us in and grant us receptive hearts and minds, O God.**

\*The Lenten Hymn

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

Claudia F. Hernaman, LAND OF REST

American folk melody, adapt. Annabel Morris Buchanan

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Luke 4:1-13

The Message

**“Living Differently: Wilderness Testing”**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Meaning of the Sacrament

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Today we will come forward to receive the bread and cup, and bring our communion offering.

Please come forward using the center aisle and return using the side aisles.)

The Communion Music

*Jesus Paid It All*

John T. Grape, arr. by Dan Forrest

*The Old Rugged Cross*

George Bennard, arr. by Dan Forrest

The Thanksgiving

**Yes, He Can**

Madison, Logan & Taylor Cain, Jeff Pardo

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

The News of the Church Alive

*(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)*

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

*Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord*

arr. Ron Mallory

Based on the traditional children's song.

Our Expressions of Gratitude to Angie Walker

The Video

The Blessing

*God Go Before You*

Roy Hopp

\*The Sending

\*The Postlude

*By Faith*

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty, arr. by James Koerts

\*All who are able, please stand

**Bulletin & Screen Image:** Galatians 2:20 ©Timothy R. Botts / Eyekons

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Pastor Matt Cook, The Diekman Family; 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:**

February 27 Collection Plate \$ 11,123.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,937.00

Total Offering: \$ 14,060.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2022 budget \$ 18,258.00

2022 Annual budget \$949,429.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

### **A Reminder from the Deacons:**

Members who have picked up their 2022 offering envelopes may have noticed that there is an envelope included for Reformed Church in America assessments. Each year, our church pays approximately \$100 per confessing member to the denomination in assessments. If you would like to help our congregation offset these costs, your gifts are welcome at any time using that envelope. Thank you for your continued support.

### **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.

On March 13 the **Middle School & High School youth group** will be playing mini-golf at church during youth group.

### **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

**Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets Monday, March 7, 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.

### **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.

**THANK YOU** to all who came to the Youth Mission Trip taco bar fundraiser! We collected \$1,580!

**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 (on the shelf under the mailboxes) 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**

**Nominations for 2022 Consistory** – We've begun the nominating process for four elders and four deacons. There is a nominating ballot on the table in the narthex. Please pick up a form and offer your suggestion of persons you feel have the servant leadership skills to serve in one of these positions. Please pray for the people you suggest to the committee. Once you have completed your form please place it in the nominations box, which will be available March 6, in the Narthex or give it to a member of the Nominations Committee: Mike Cline, Mary Cook, Vicky Hawken, Doug Timmer, Nicole Clark, Kelly Kievit, Tim Kooima, Abby Kleinheksel

**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. This will be our last Bible study until the fall. We will be reviewing the videos from our study. 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, March 9 – Swedish meatball 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. The adult ed class (taught by Pastor Bud) titled "**GO EAT POP CORN**" (a study of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians) starts at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays.

**You're Invited for a FREE Dinner & a Movie!** Join us at South Grandville Church (4130 Wilson Ave., Grandville) on March 18. Dinner will be served starting at 5:45; the movie will start at 6:30. The movie is *Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years*, the story of how God's love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20th century. The film opens with Sabina Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why? Why would a Jewish Christian risk her life to help her enemies – members of the army that killed her entire family? Experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world. The movie is rated PG-13; childcare will be available.

### 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 ([tlrosema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlrosema@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.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Larry DeVries	81 on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nancy Matthews	81 on the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Elaine Hudson	83 on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Verburg	83 on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Chuck Duimstra	87 on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Bobbi VanKuiken	83 on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Eloise Anderson	90 on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Pat Stegehuis	83 on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Curt Stoel	80 on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Isenga	87 on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lois Scripsema	91 on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>

## 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:

- **Bob Verburg**, fell and is at the Medilodge in Holland.
- **Misty Holwerda**, enduring a difficult chemo regimen, but the tumor is shrinking!
- **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: Marcia Brinks, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi.**

### We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **The family of Ted Wierenga**, who passed away on February 26.

### 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.

Your current consistory (end of term date)

#### 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)