



Living

Differently

LENT 2022

### Lent II

March 13, 2022

#### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA, setting by Greg Bottomley

#### WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Song of Praise

*Rejoice and Sing*

Craig Curry

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader 2: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Leader 3: Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; listen, so that you may live.

**People: Lord we seek You; we return to You. Have mercy upon us.**

**May Your word bear fruit in us and our spirits and bodies be refreshed in Your nearness.**

The Songs of Praise

*Lord of the Universe*  
**Waymaker**

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

\*The Greeting

\*The Call to Confession

***I Surrender with I Surrender All***

Matt Crocker, Judson W. VanDeVenter  
SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weeden

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply.

Leader 2: Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom.

**People: Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having, and wanting more than we need or have time for.**

Leader 1: Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived,

Leader 2: generous rather than covetous,  
Leader 1: and spacious rather than restricted.  
Leader 2: We offer You our Lenten observance,

**People: And today we place our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the way that You have walked before us. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Forgiveness

***This Is Amazing Grace***

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“Living Differently: Honesty and Truth-telling”**

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 Hymn

***We Pray for Peace***

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

The News of the Church Alive

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

\*The Sending Song

***There Is a Redeemer***

Melody Green

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Jerusalem*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

\*All who are able, please stand

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**Worship Leaders:** Preaching –Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Pastor Matt Cook, Reid Dykstra, Susan Kooima; Pianist – Bethany Singer; Organist – Patty Pratt; Youth Praise Singers; Praise Team

The Prayer of Confession is by Ann Siddall, *Stillpoint Spirituality Centre*

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

March 6 Collection Plate           \$ 14,049.00

Online Giving:                         \$ 6,226.00

Total Offering:                       \$ 20,275.00

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. We will be playing the indoor mini-golf today! Bring friends!

**High School youth group** meets on Sundays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth gym. We will be playing the indoor mini-golf tonight! Bring friends!

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

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

### 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.

**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

**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. We didn't get through all the videos this past week so this will be our last Bible study until the fall. 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 16 – Chicken square 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

**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.

**Inquirer's class** - An Inquirer's Class is planned for April 24 through May 15 (four weeks) taught by Pastor Bud for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. (Class held on Sundays at 11:00 in Pastor Bud's office).

**Director of Children's Ministries** – There is a job opening currently as we seek to fill the position of Children's Ministry Director. The job description has been posted on various sites, and there are copies on the table in the narthex as well.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

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

**FAH Birthdays** – March 17 – Eloise Anderson, 2089 Tansy Trail, Grandville, 49418

March 28 – Trudie Wierda, 5281 Wilson Ave., Wyoming, 49418

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...

Dear 1st Church Family -

I don't even know where to begin to say thank you! Thank you for an incredible 21+ years together serving our Savior! Thank you for an amazing "last" day of work for me at First this past Sunday. Everything was amazing! Isn't it beautiful to reflect on God's faithfulness to each and every one of us??!! No matter where we are - whether together or apart - "let's all praise the Lord!"

With a thankful & loving heart,

Angie Walker and family