



Living

Differently

LENT 2022

Lent IV  
March 27, 2022

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord*

The Prelude

Irish Melody, arr. Kurt Kaiser

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 32

Leader 1: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven

**People: and whose sin is covered.**

Leader 2: They are happy for the Lord declares them "forgiven"

**People: and there is no deception in their hearts.**

Leader 1: Let us rejoice and worship the One who is our hiding place.

**People: PRAISE THE LORD!**

\*The Songs of Praise

**Ever Be Good, Good Father** Kalley Heiligenthal, Gabriel Wilson, Chris Greely, Bobby Strand  
Pat Barret, Anthony Brown

\*The Greeting

We Offer Our Confession

from Luke 15

Leader 1: Father, we love to read and repeat the stories You give us in Your Word.

**People: The story of the prodigal son is one of those we love**

Leader 2: because it demonstrates the love of God toward us even when we don't deserve it.

**People: When we study this parable, we may discover that we are more like the older brother**

Leader 1: who complains about the celebration given in honor of his younger brother.

**People: He is stuck on what he thinks he deserves, rather than considering the reward he has already received.**

Leader 2: This parable reminds us that the best path forward is to be loving.

God Offers His Forgiveness

Leader 1: What does God say to us when we act like the older brother?

**People: "Come to the feast. Come to the banquet. Don't you know that everything I have, including My love, has always been there for you?"**

Leader 2: There is enough of the fatted calf for everyone.”

**People: Praise the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Response

**Amazing Grace** John Newton, NEW BRITAIN, adapt., harm. Edwin O. Excell

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**“Living Differently: Loving the Broken”**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

The Assurance of God’s Love

*O Love*

George Matheson, Elaine Hagenberg

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS**

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

*It Is Well With My Soul* Horatio Spafford, Phillip Bliss, arr. David S. Abramsky  
(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The Mission Update

Chuck and Jean Van Engen

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Song

**Reckless Love**

Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Mighty To Save*

Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding arr. Jennifer Eklund

\*All who are able, please stand

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**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Tony & June Williams; Organist – Beth Sweers; Cellist – Kevin Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

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

Instagram: [frcgrandville](#)

Facebook: [First Reformed Church](#)

**Stewardship Update:**

March 20 Collection Plate	\$ 13,710.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,951.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 18,661.00

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:**

**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.

**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, March 28, 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.

**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.**

**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](#).

### **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.

**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

**Praise Team** – Wednesday, 5:30pm

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesdays, 6:30pm

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**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). Please email [mail@firstgrandville.org](mailto:mail@firstgrandville.org) if you would like to attend.

**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.

## 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:

- **Randy Kehr**, recovering from surgery and being treated for an infection in his foot.
- **Bob Verburg**, is home recovering from a fall.
- **Jackson Pratt**, Bud & Patty's nephew, will have additional brain surgery on March 30.
- **Chuck Duimstra and his family**, as he faces ongoing and declining health issues.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- Pray for God's leading as we continue our search for a new children's director and begin the process of nominations for our next consistory members.
- **Continued prayers for: Don Ferris, Misty Holwerda, Marcia Brinks, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, 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, Mary Lou Besteman, Norma Boss, Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei  
**FAH Birthdays** – March 28 – Trudie Wierda, 5281 Wilson Ave., Wyoming, 49418  
April 30 – Norma Boss – Waterford Place Assisted Living, #D-211, 1725 Port Sheldon Rd., Jenison, 49428

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.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ardythe Veldsma      85 on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Norma Boss            95 on the 30<sup>th</sup>