



Living

Differently

LENT 2022

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April 3, 2022

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Elegy*

James Biery

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

***What Wondrous Love Is This***

Appalachian folk hymn

S. Mead's *A General Selection*, WONDROUS LOVE, *Southern Harmony*

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Spring is about to break forth!

**People: New life is happening all around us!**

Leader: Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy.

**People: Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.**

Leader: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

**People: Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love. Amen.**

\*The Song of Praise

***What a Beautiful Name***

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

\*The Greeting

The Confession of Sin

Leader: We confess, loving God, that we are not a society of saints, but a fellowship of sinners. We are the forgiven, who still need forgiveness. We are the redeemed, who are still being redeemed.

**People: We are thankful, O Lord, that You have not given up on us, and that You are still not finished with us. Continue to shape us into the image of Christ and return us to the paths of righteousness.**

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*The Song of Response

***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

Stuart Townend

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Living Differently: the Cost of Love"**

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

***My Worth Is Not In What I Own***

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

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

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Sending Song

***Who You Say I Am***

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Alfred Fedak based on *ABERYSTWYTH* by Joseph Parry

\*All who are able, please stand

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**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Bob Stelma; Organist – Patty Pratt; Violinist – Marilyn Brannen; Praise Team

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

Instagram: [frcgrandville](#)

Facebook: [First Reformed Church](#)

**Stewardship Update:**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| March 27 Collection Plate | \$ 6,428.00        |
| Online Giving:            | <u>\$ 3,277.00</u> |
| Total Offering:           | \$ 9,705.00        |

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| 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:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

There will not be Sunday School or Children in Worship for kids through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on April 3 or 10. There will be nursery and Children in Worship on Easter Sunday. Normal programming will resume April 24.

**Middle School** (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Bible study** - will not meet today. We will resume April 10.

**Middle School youth group** - will not meet today. We will resume April 10.

**High School youth group** - will not meet today. We will resume April 10.

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

**Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – will meet next on April 11.

**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 this 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 this Tuesday at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. Lesson 6.

**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.

**Disability Advocate** - Casey Dutmer has agreed to continue being our representative to the Reformed Church in America DISABILITY ADVOCACY TEAM. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about our inclusivity or access to anyone with a disability, please contact our Disability Advocate Casey Dutmer at 616-450-6429.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

## 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.

## **WITHOUT YOU, WE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH AN IMPACT!**

Happy Easter from your finance deacons! We are looking forward to our special Easter service planned for Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. As we celebrate the resurrection, we bless the church with our tithes and gifts. We thank you for your continued support. It is only through your contributions that we're able to continue to prepare worship services and carry out the important spiritual work within the church and to the world that God loves around the globe. We hope we can continue to count on your generous support this Easter. It will provide a much needed boost. Because of you, we're able to make the impact we do.

*Thank you so much for supporting First Reformed Church.  
Sincerely, Tony Williams – Church Treasurer*

## **RELIEF FOR UKRAINE**

### **Diaper Drive for Refugee Children**

**When** – Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where** – MKD Grandville – Location: The City of Grandville parking lot on Fayette

We are asking for your help. On Saturday, April 16, 2022, we will be partnering with Convoy of Hope to collect disposable diapers for relief efforts in Poland for Ukrainian refugee children. This will be an opportunity for you to make an immediate impact on so many that have lost everything. It is our goal to fill an entire semi to be sent to Poland with various sizes of diapers. We will have a semi-trailer parked in the Grandville City parking lot on Fayette between Prairie and Wilson from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. to accept your donations. If you are unable to drop off on Saturday, there will be an opportunity Monday, April 11 through Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 8-5 p.m. at Grandville City Hall. You may also donate online on our website at [mkdfuneralhome.com](http://mkdfuneralhome.com) and click on our Amazon Wish List to have them shipped directly to the funeral home.

## **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:**

- **Betty Isenga**, having in home therapy for pain in her leg.
- **Alexander Cmiljic**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Randy Kehr**, recovering from surgery and being treated for an infection in his foot.
- **Jackson Pratt**, Bud & Patty's nephew, recovering from additional brain surgery.
- **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 continue the process of electing for our next consistory members.
- **Continued prayers for: Bob Verburg, 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, Marilyn DeVree, 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.

## **THANK YOU...**

...To my First Church family for your birthday cards, phone calls, and texts wishing me Happy Birthday. Now an update on my cancer. I'm getting treatments orally. No cancer cells growing or shrinking – all good news – God has been good. Again, thanks for all your prayers and hugs. **Curt Stoel**

...for the beautiful cards, calls, and good wishes for my birthday. **Betty Isenga**