

EASTERTIDE
April 24, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

How Calm and Beautiful the Morn Thomas Hastings, setting by Raymond Haan
This Joyful Day of Days based on the 17th C. Dutch tune, VREUCHTEN, Dale Wood

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

*The Welcome and Greeting

*The Gathering Song

Come, People of the Risen King

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*The Call to Worship

from Revelation 5

Leader: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

People: to receive power and wealth

Leader: and wisdom and strength,

People: and honor and glory and praise."

Leader: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

People: be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever! Amen."

*The Song of Praise

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith

The Prayer of Confession (*spoken together*)

God, we didn't forget about Easter, the sacrifice for sin, the resurrection, the empty tomb, but this week we had to live our lives. We encountered difficulties, our strength became weakness, our highs became lows, our trust became doubt and our doubts became fear. Forgive us for losing sight of the promises we claimed as we celebrated our risen Savior. Remind us of Your promises and renew our faith. In the name of our resurrected Lord, we pray. Amen.

The Words of Assurance (*spoken together*)

from Colossians 1: 13-14

"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins."

*The Hymn of Response

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done Latin hymn, VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Bodily, Tangible Proof"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley, DUKE STREET, John Hatton

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

O Church Arise (Arise Shine) Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Chris Tomlin

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

The Strife is O'er

Robert J. Powell

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink; Organ - Beth Sweers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

April 17 Collection Plate	\$ 17,152.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 6,231.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 23,383.00

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

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 (9th-12th grade) – meets Monday, April 25, at 7:27pm at 326 Maynard Ave., Walker 49534. Questions? Contact Jon Hull at jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

WyldLife (7th-8th grade) – Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Family Life Center. Questions? Contact: Paige Corfixsen- 616-710-0865, Emma Kukla- 616-666-4811.

Youth Mission Trip fundraiser:

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 and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Anna Circle – meets the 2nd and 4th 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 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the upstairs adult education room. On Tuesday, May 3, at 9:30am, Jen Timmer from the Women's Crisis Center will speak. We have made arrangements to go to Rush Creek Bistro at Sunny Brook Country Club for lunch. All are welcome to join us for either of these. Please sign up at the Sign-up Center for reservations.

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 - the Inquirer's Class starts today through May 15 (four weeks) taught by Pastor Bud for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. We will meet in the upstairs adult ed room (308).

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.

The **Online Engagement Team** of First Reformed church is looking for a few volunteers to help build more of an online presence with our church. In the last few years, it's become evident that many people in our church and community utilize our online resources more than ever before. Because of this, we feel it's necessary to make that presence as engaging as we can. Right now, we are looking for a few people to handle our Instagram and Facebook accounts, organizing weekly posts about upcoming events and also advertising each week's sermon messages. If you or someone you know feel that this is something you would be interested in helping with, please let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Matt know.

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:

- **Jan Hodges**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- **Judy Baartman**, hospitalized at Spectrum and being treated.
- **Doug Hunderman**, in the hospital recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery.
- **Bob Schuitman**, shoulder surgery has been rescheduled to April 26.
- **Don Ferris**, having heart surgery May 25.
- **Chuck Duimstra and his family**, as he faces ongoing and declining health issues.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- 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 our next consistory members.
- **Continued prayers for: Jackson Pratt, Randy Kehr, Betty Isenga, Bob Verburg, 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 Birthday** – April 30 - Norma Boss – Waterford Place Assisted Living, #D-211, 1725 Port Sheldon Rd., Jenison, 49428
- May 7 – Bob Morehouse – 3555 Copper River Ave., Unit 108, Wyoming 49418
- May 10 – Dorothy Cook – Byron Center Manor, 2115 84th St., Byron Center 49315
- May 21 – Evelyn Lindhout – 725 Baldwin, Room #175, 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kay VerSluis	83 on the 1 st	Evelyn Lindhout	98 on the 21 st
Sally Wierda	80 on the 1 st	Carol Waddell	82 on the 21 st
Leonard Scripsema	94 on the 2 nd	Vern Hoffman	88 on the 22 nd
Art Meyer	84 on the 7 th		
Bob Morehouse	83 on the 7 th		
Dottie Cook	85 on the 10 th		