

EASTERTIDE

May 1, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Still, My Soul, Be Still with Be Still, My Soul*

K. & K. Getty, S. Townend, Arr. J. Koerts

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Christ Is Alive* Brian Wren, TRURO Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*

\*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 30

Leader: Joyful praise I give You, O Lord;

**People: You drew me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.**

Leader: I called on You and You healed me;

**People: You brought my life up from the darkest depths.**

Leader: I was among those going down to a pit of death,

**People: but You brought me to life.**

Leader: All you faithful, praise the Lord,

**People: praise the holy name of the Lord.**

\*The Song of Praise

*Hear Our Praises  
Rising*

Reuben Morgan  
Paul Baloche, Matt Redman

\*The Greeting

The Call to Reconciliation and Confession of Sin

Leader: We hold on to hurt until our hands begin to cramp, and we keep holding. We refuse to set our grudges down, because we don't know what it would feel like to have that weight lifted. And we think that is the way God operates as well. But God's anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never goes away. Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us, as we pray together, saying,

**People: Now that Easter is past, Holy One, we no longer cling to the Alleluias, but listen again to the world's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets of our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness You bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, You know the way out of our messy lives. So take us by the hand to lead us. Clear our busy schedules so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. Challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

The Song of Response

*O Come to the Altar* Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joyce

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

**People: We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and service to others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 21:1-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"A Most Demanding Job"**

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

***Will You Come and Follow Me?***

Iona Community

KELVINGROVE Scottish traditional, arr. John Bell

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

The News of the Church Alive

The Sending

*He Has the Power*

Leon C. Roberts

The Call

Leader: To the fisherman, Jesus said:

**People: "Follow Me and I will make you fish for people."**

Leader: To the tax collector, Jesus said:

**People: "Follow Me."**

Leader: To the rich man, Jesus said:

**People: "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me."**

Leader: At the last supper, Jesus said:

**People: "Follow Me"**

Leader: To you and to me and to all of us, Jesus says:

**People: "Follow Me!"**

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Christ Arose*

settings by Wilbur Held & John Ferguson

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Organist – Patty Pratt; Pianist – Barbara Gossett; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

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

Instagram: [frcgrandville](#)

Facebook: [First Reformed Church](#)

**Stewardship Update:**

April 24 Collection Plate     \$ 9,420.00

Online Giving:                     \$ 6,587.00

Total Offering:                    \$ 16,007.00

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** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets Monday, May 2, 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. 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](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** – This 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

**Congregational meeting** – May 15 following worship.

**SPECIAL CONCERT INVITATION** - Please join Jeffrey Allardyce and his colleagues Matt Fox, Jacob Nance, and Tyler Young as their saxophone quartet, **Sound Session**, performs in the First Reformed Church sanctuary on May 9th at 7pm. Sound Session will be touring and working with local high schools from May 9-11 as they prepare for the nationally-acclaimed Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition taking place in South Bend, Indiana from May 20-22. The concert will feature a full hour of contemporary-classical saxophone repertoire demonstrating the breadth of their entire competition program. ALL are welcome!

**National Day of Prayer Service** – May 5, 7:00pm – Our families, community, country and world need prayer, now more than ever! Let's come together to lift up our needs to the Lord. Please join us for a prayer service on May 5 at 7:00pm in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. Everyone is invited for this community-wide service, held at South Grandville Church (4130 Wilson Ave., Grandville). Areas of prayer will include government, military, media & business, education, church & families. If you have any questions, please call the church at 616-532-5413 or email [worshipleader@southgrandvillechurch.org](mailto:worshipleader@southgrandvillechurch.org).

**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.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

- **Doug Hunderman**, at home recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery.
- **Bob Schuitman**, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- **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: Chuck Duimstra, Randy Kehr, Betty Isenga, Bob Verburg, Misty Holwerda, Marcia Brinks, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi.**

#### We Extend Christian Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Judy Baartman, who passed away April 20.
- The family and friends of Len Scripsema, whose wife Lois, passed away April 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, 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 84<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THANK YOU...

...for the flowers and cards. I love the personal notes included in the cards. **Ev Lindhout**