

EASTERTIDE
May 22, 2022
Graduate Sunday
The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
Based on the early American tune FOUNDATION

Dale Wood

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Graduate Procession

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: We gather this day in gratitude for the promise that Jesus will always dwell among us.

Leader 2: In good times and bad times, we can count on Jesus to be with us.

Leader 1: As we celebrate with our graduates today we acknowledge the gift of Christ's presence in their lives,
both in the past and in the future.

Leader 2: We give thanks for the waters of baptism and the gift of being known by God and adopted as part of God's family.

People: Let us worship the Lord and give praise for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*The Song of Praise

Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin
Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

*The Greeting

The Recognition of Our High School Graduates

The Prayer for the Graduates

*The Song of Praise

One Generation Will Call to the Next

Greg Scheer

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Scriptural Mandate

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Vows of the Parents

The Vows of the Congregation

*The Apostles' Creed

The Baptism

The Blessing

The Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan, arr. Mark Hayes

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

John 14:15-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Indwelling"

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Song

By Faith

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

The Blessing

Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Jennifer Eklund

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Jon Hull, Jeff Watson; Organist – Beth Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

May 15 Collection Plate	\$ 9,719.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,306.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 13,025.00

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.

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

La Casa fundraising dinner - On June 5, following our Pentecost worship service, the LaCasa community will be feeding our congregation as a way to say "thank you" and to give us an opportunity to help the LaCasa community financially. The Covid pandemic has been especially hard on the LaCasa community, and they could really use a boost from the First Reformed Family. Let's make this a great day in celebration of our Lord's kingdom work.

Worship Director – We are seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of Worship Director. This position will involve worship planning, leading the congregation in worship, and coordinating the necessary activities to accomplish these two primary goals. There are job description for additional details on the table in the narthex. Interested candidates are asked to provide a personal letter of introduction and a current resume. Questions regarding this position, and the introductory letter and resume, should be forwarded to: Jeff Watson, First Reformed Church, 3060 Wilson Avenue, Grandville MI 49418, Email: jeffw@firstgrandville.org, Phone: 616-534-5465

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.

Men's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th 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!

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

**LOOKING AHEAD
OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE**

Food pantry needs – Applesauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, shampoo, toilet paper, muffin mix, gravy, jello, pudding, beef stew

Family at Home needs your help. This ministry has been a blessing to our church community and all those involved in it. We urgently need callers - people of any age who would like to reach out and connect with members of our church family. We are looking for people to visit, make phone calls, and send cards. If you are interested and looking to get involved or would just like more information, please contact Harold Ludema - hnsrudema@comcast.net or Pastor Matt – matt@firstgrandville.org.

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:

- **Bob Verburg**, has been moved to Rivertown Ridge Memory Care.
- **Don Ferris**, having heart surgery May 25.
- 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 worship director.
- **Continued prayers for: Doug Hunderman, Randy Kehr, Misty Holwerda, 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, 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, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei
FAH Birthdays – June 4 – Mary Lou Besteman - 2115 84th St., SW, Building 3 - #28, Byron Center, MI 49315

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 cards and prayers. **Bob Schuitman**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jim Kuiper	84 on the 3 rd	Myrt Manders	80 on the 21 st
Mary Lou Besteman	81 on the 4 th	Bob Schuitman	82 on the 25 th
Clark Matthews	84 on the 9 th	Ruth Plaggemars	82 on the 29 th
Helen Huizenga	94 on the 19 th		
Joan Koster	89 on the 19 th		