

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



PENTECOST SUNDAY
The Birthday of the Church
June 5, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

You Say/Sonata Pathethique

Lauren Diagle, Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Al van der Beek, Steven Sharp Nelson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Song of Invocation

Holy Spirit

Bryan & Katie Torwalt

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

People: The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together in this place.

Leader: We are nothing without You, O Lord. Send forth Your presence and grant us Your mercy and love.

People: Creator God, reign down Your Spirit that we, too, may prophesy!

Leader: Praise the Lord who sends forth His Spirit! Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth.

People: Jesus Christ, reign down Your Spirit that we, too, may see visions!

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever! May the Lord rejoice in His works.

People: Everlasting Father, reign down Your Spirit that we, too, may dream dreams!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise

Spirit, Working in Creation

John Richards, STUTTGART
Psalmodia Sacra adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett

*The Greeting

The Children's Moment

Strange and Miraculous! The Story of Pentecost

Linda Sue Pochodzay Edwards

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful and gracious God, our hearts cry out for You to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that You have come to dwell within us, we have sinned against You and abandoned Your commandments.

People: We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive. We have not heeded Your Word and we have not cherished Your covenant. Help us to glorify You in all times and in all places.

Leader: As our souls thirst for Your living waters, quench our needs for Your love, that we may come back to You and be sent forth to fill the world with Your mercy and grace.

People: Lord, hear our prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

from John 20:19-23

Leader: "Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.'

People: When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"

*The Song of Response	Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God	Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
	<u>WE HEAR GOD'S WORD</u> <u>Spirit of the Living God</u> <i>(Woven through the scripture reading)</i>	Daniel Iverson, Michael Baughen
The Prayer for Illumination		
The Scripture Lesson		Acts 2:1-21
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord		
People: Thanks be to God.		
The Message	"Eldad and Medad"	
The Prayer for Blessing on the Word		
	<u>WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS</u>	
The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts		
The Offertory Prayer		
The Offertory	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> <i>(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)</i>	Lowell Mason, arr. Kurt Kaiser
The News of the Church Alive		
The Mission Update		LaCasa di me Padre
*The Sending Song	Shine, Jesus, Shine	Graham Kendrick
Our Expression of Gratitude		
The Blessing	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Peter C. Lutkin
*The Benediction		
*The Postlude	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Gordon Young
*All who are able, please stand		

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink; Organist – Beth Sweers; Cello – Kevin Sweers; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

May 22 Collection Plate	\$	6,355.00
Online Giving:	\$	<u>2,291.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$	8,646.00

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

Our newly elected Elders for 2022-2025 are Kathy Geurink, Paul Brinks, Linda Timmerman, and Val Westrick. Our newly elected Deacons for 2022-2025 are Rebecca Hollen, Mattie Wolford, Jen Dykstra, and Kim Brinks. These leaders will be ordained and installed on June 12 during worship. Thank you for upholding them in your prayers!

New Children's Ministry Director hired! Madelyn McConnon Alforo has been hired to become our new Children's Ministry Director. She begins her work at FRC on June 13. We look forward to introducing you to Madelyn soon.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Nursery is available. Children can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

La Casa fundraising dinner - TODAY, 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.

Godspeed to Beth Sweers - TODAY, we will be saying goodbye to Beth Sweers, our organist and choir accompanist who has served our Lord for decades in our worship services. Beth and Steve are moving to the east side of the state to be near family. Plan to join us as we say goodbye.

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](#).

LOOKING AHEAD

Splash into Summer – An event the whole family can enjoy! Wednesday, June 29, from 6:00-8:30pm, outside the Youth Lounge. Bring a lawn chair for fellowship or join in on the fun. Hot dogs, chips and cold treats will be served. We will have water and regular games, slip-n-slide and a dunk tank. A flyer with more information is in your mailslot.

Come celebrate with us! On June 11th Eildert and MaryEtta Zwart will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house. All First Reformed members are invited to come help them celebrate. It will be held in the Activity Center at First Reformed Church in Grandville from 1:00-4:00pm. Your presence is all we ask (please no gifts). If you are unable to attend, but would like to send a card, please send it to:

Eildert and MaryEtta Zwart
6145 N. Elmwood Lake Dr #8
Hudsonville, MI 49426

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

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

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.

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		

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:

- **Jack Manders**, recovering after more facial surgery for cancer.
- **Don Ferris**, home recovering from heart surgery.
- **Russ Crake**, Lynne Rosema's dad, is on hospice care with health in decline.
- **Sarah VanEck's dad**, recovering from heart surgery
- 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: Bob Verburg, Randy Kehr, Misty Holwerda, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The family of **Leonora Smit**, who passed away May 27.

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.