

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



The Growing Season

July 24, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Behold Our God*

John B. Dykes, arr. Douglas Court
Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird
Stephen Altrogge, arr. James P. Colman

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Songs

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship with O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Brian Doerksen,

Hear Our Praises

Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher
Reuben Morgan

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven

People: A prayer of adoration and praise

Leader: Hallowed be Thy name

People: A prayer for the glory of God

Leader: Thy kingdom come

People: A prayer for more God in our lives

Leader: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

People: A prayer for God's plan, not mine

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread

People: A prayer that God will supply our needs

Leader: Forgive us our debts

People: A prayer of confession and repentance

Leader: As we have forgiven our debtors

People: A prayer to help us forgive others

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

People: A prayer for protection from the evil around us

Leader: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever

People: A prayer to remind us that God has the power to do far more than we can ever imagine.

All: AMEN

*The Hymn of Praise

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Rusty Edwards, NETTLETON
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*

*The Greeting

The Confession of Our Sins

Leader: Who are you?

People: We call ourselves children of the Living God.

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We are trying to survive in a land of division, fear, and hate.

Leader: What are you supposed to be doing here?

People: We should be sharing the love of God to those around us, but we don't seem to be doing that very well.

Leader: God destroyed Sodom when He could not find 10 righteous people in that city.

People: How many righteous people would God find living among us?

Our Assurance before God

Leader: In Psalm 85, the psalmist asks us to hear what the Lord will say, for He will speak peace to His people; to His faithful; to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

People: God says, "My peace I give you!"

Leader: Jesus says, "Ask and it shall be given to you, search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

People: The heavenly Father will give His Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

Leader: Who are you?

People: We are children of the Living God.

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We are choosing to share the love of God to those around us.

*The Song of Assurance

God So Loved

Matt Crocker, Marty Sampson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

The Lord's Prayer

If God Should Speak

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip P. Bliss, arr. Brent Olstad

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The Mission Update

Priscila Santos

The News of the Church Alive

*The Song of Commitment

The Stand

Joel Houston

The Sending Song

The Blessing

Scott Underwood

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

The Heavens Declare – Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Patty Pratt; Saxophone – Jeffrey Allardyce; Youth Singers; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

July 17 Collection Plate	\$ 12,446.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,132.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,578.00

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

Nursery is available. Children can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service. We are looking for volunteers to round out our summer nursery schedule. Contact Jill Crame (jill.crame@gmail.com) or Madelyn Alfaro (madelyn@firstgrandville.org) to get involved!

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

Sunday School Today: - Join Ms. Madelyn and Ms. Barb today in the downstairs assembly room during the service as we talk about worship and prepare to sing the benediction!

Art at the Park - Join us every other Wednesday at 10:00am for art and fun at the park! This is a great opportunity for fellowship for parents and kids alike! All ages are welcome. Email Madelyn with any questions (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

-August 3: Wedgwood Park

-August 17: Hughes Park

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Children's ministry volunteers needed! We have several opportunities for individuals of all gifts and talents. Contact Madelyn for more information: madelyn@firstgrandville.org

Backpack Drive – Our Pine Ridge mission trip participants are seeking new backpacks for the Lakota children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. School supplies are NOT needed, but backpacks ARE needed. Please place in the tote in the Narthex by today, July 24. (We are seeking 100 backpacks!)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Don Kempema	87 on the 3 rd
Marie Roos	89 on the 5 th
Art Tusch	89 on the 5 th
Orlene Porte	87 on the 15 th
Shirley Brouwer	83 on the 28 th

THANK YOU...

...to my church family – I would like to thank you for your cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my cancer treatments. God has been good to me during this journey. **Curt Stoel**

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:

- **Jeff Muller**, is out of ICU. Test results indicate no rejection at the current time. He's at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.
- **Art Tusch**, at a rehab hospital gaining strength.
- **Janet Pofahl**, has moved back to her home.
- **Curt Stoel**, has begun radiation treatments for cancer.
- **Hannah Arendsen** (Janet Pofahl's great granddaughter) hospitalized with brain injuries following a serious car accident.
- **Kathy VanRiper**, Joni VanDuinen's sister, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- **Arvin Bleyenbergh** (Lila VacaGuzman's father), has been diagnosed with leukemia and will have treatment once a month.
- **Tristen Raimer** (Laurie Dragecivech's nephew), recovering from surgery for a mass on his kidney.
- 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: Misty Holwerda, Morey Cook, Don Kempema, Don Ferris, Bob Verburg, Randy Kehr, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra.**

Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- The family & friends of **Len Scripsema**, who passed away July 15.

Campers this week:

- **Natalie Breuker**

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

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.