

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



The Growing Season

August 7, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury, arr. Brent Olstad

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Greeting

*The Hymn of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, William M. Runyan

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong!

People: The promises of God will never be broken.

Leader: With God as our light, what is there to fear?

People: The promises of God will never be broken.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: The promises of God will never be broken.

Leader: Let us worship our faithful God!

*The Songs of Praise

***Yes He Can
O Great God***

Madison, Logan & Taylor Cain, Jeff Pardo
Bob Kauflin

The Confession of Our Sins

Leader: Eternal God, we are quick to join Abraham's doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham's faith and trust.

People: We want to believe Your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith.

Leader: Open our eyes to Your light. Open our hearts to Your love. Open our minds to Your possibilities.

People: Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of Your love.

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader: When God is with us, whom shall we fear?

People: The God of salvation will never forsake us. God's patience knows no limits.

Leader: Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Song of Assurance

Held in Your Hands

Wesley Willis, Kevin Huguley, Jason Ingram

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“The Ongoing Journey of Faith”

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

When Love is Found O WALY WALY, English folk tune, arr. Daniel Kallman

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

The Mission Update

70 x 7 Life Recovery

Paula Crestwell

*The Song of Commitment

Lay Me Down

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Jason Ingram

*The Benediction

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Maddie Kievit; Organist – Patty Pratt; Saxophone – Jeffrey Allardyce; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

July 31 Collection Plate \$ 8,905.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,157.00

Total Offering: \$11,062.00

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!

Congregational meeting – following worship. Coffee will be available after the meeting. We will have a vote of confidence for Melanie Vlietstra –Kilgore.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 17: Hughes Park

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

Summer Sunday School – Our last summer Sunday School will be August 21 during the worship service.

Save the Date! Our Fall Kick Off celebration will take place on September 11 with an all-church luncheon. Plan to join us! Youth group begin that night and children’s programming will begin September 18.

DR Youth Mission trip Recap – following the service on August 14 everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and dessert in the Activity Center. You will have an opportunity to sit around a table and hear from one of our students.

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](#).

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

Housing need - Our LaCasa friends from Venezuela, Nelson Perozo and Edisamar Camacho, (with child due in March), need housing in the area. They are capable of reasonable rent payments. If you have a suite available, or a "mother-in-law's" apartment, or know of a home they can rent, please contact Pastor Bud at (bud@firstgrandville.org). (Nelson frequently plays guitar in our service)!

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

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**, has moved to an apartment in the hospital. The will be monitoring him from there.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, at Green Acres Assisted Living, under the care of hospice.
- **Art Tusch**, has moved to Sandalwood Manor in Jenison.
- **Curt Stoel**, is done with his radiation treatments and has a doctors appointment this week to see if he needs more treatment.
- **Pat LeBlanc** (Don Scovel's sister-in-law), is under the care of hospice.
- **Hannah Arendsen** (Janet Pofahl's great granddaughter) hospitalized with brain injuries following a serious car accident.
- **Tristen Raimer** (Laurie Dragecivech's nephew), home recovering from surgery for a mass on his kidney and awaiting pathology reports.
- 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: Janet Pofahl, Don Kempema, Bob Verburg, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Morey Cook, Kathy VanRpier, Arvin Bleyenber.**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

- **Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **Edward Peter Tolhurst** (Pat Bird's nephew), **Ben Westrick, Ben DeRuyter** (Jack and Jackie's grandson)

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.