

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



The Growing Season
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
August 14, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

God of Grace and God of Glory

The Prelude

CWM RHONDDA, Paul Manz

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

Amazing Grace

John Newton, NEW BRITAIN,
Virginia Harmony, adapt. Edwin Excell

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks and praise to the Lord our God who overwhelms us with His mercy!

People: Even when we turn our backs on God, He forgives us and restores us to life.

Leader: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

People: We will praise God who heals and loves us.

Leader: Lord, help us to stay focused on Your promises.

People: Guide our steps, place joy and song in our hearts as we celebrate Your love.

*The Song of Praise

Rising

Paul Baloche, Matt Redman

*The Greeting

The Prayer of Adoration (*spoken together*)

Loving God, we offer our praise, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing Your praise and depend on You alone. We long for that day when all Your children will live in Your peace and praise Your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Grace Driven Effort”

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

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Meaning of the Sacrament

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Today we will come forward to receive the bread and cup, and bring our communion offering.

Please come forward using the center aisle and return using the side aisles.)

The Communion Song

Remembrance

Matt Maher, Matt Redman

The Thanksgiving

Our Expression of Gratitude

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Grace Greater Than Our Sin Julia Johnston, Daniel Towner, arr. Melody Bober

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

August 7 Collection Plate \$ 10,495.00

Online Giving: \$ 8,791.00

Total Offering: \$19,286.00

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!

DR Youth Mission trip Recap – following the service on TODAY 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.

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.

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)!

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**, went to Mayo Clinic on August 8 for further diagnostics regarding heart blockages.
- **Joyce VanderMarkt**, is in the hospital.
- **Jeff Muller**, has moved to an apartment at Henry Ford in Detroit, with further observations & labs.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, at Green Acres Assisted Living, under the care of hospice.
- **Art Tusch**, has moved to Sandalwood Manor in Jenison.
- **Our missionaries in Kenya, Rowland and Jane Van Es**, covet your prayers now and in the following weeks as Kenyan elections have taken place.
- **Morey Cook** (Brian Cook's dad), is at Trillium Woods under the care of hospice.
- **Hannah Arendsen** (Janet Pofahl's great granddaughter) is at Mary Free Bed.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Curt Stoel, Janet Pofahl, Don Kempema, Bob Verburg, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Kathy VanRpier, Arvin Bleyenbergh, Tristen Raimer.**

Congratulation to:

- **Randy & Julie Haverkamp**, at the birth of a baby girl, Isla Kristine, on August 10.

We Extend Christian Sympathy:

- **Mary Lou Besteman & Mike & Kim Cline & family** at the passing of their daughter/sister Michele Schilthroat on Aug 4.
- **Don Scovel**, at the passing of his sister-in-law, Pat LeBlanc on August 7.

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.

THANK YOU...

...to my church family for all the cards, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital and at Mission Point. I feel blessed to be part of a caring church. **Janet Pofahl**