

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



The Growing Season
August 21, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Sky

LAUDES DOMINE, arr. John Ferguson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Sky tr. Edward Caswall, LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

People: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*The Songs of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman, Beth Redman

*The Greeting

The Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Pray with me this prayer of invocation, as we celebrate God's presence among us and petition that God's power be evident in this time of worship.

People: Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;

Leader: that our hearts might be filled with joy, hope, and peace, we pray;

People: that we might respond to opportunities to serve, we pray;

Leader: that we might be strengthened to face challenges, we pray;

People: that we might become the persons we are called to be, we pray;

Leader: that we might learn to respect our sisters and brothers, we pray;

People: that we might see the needs of others and give help, we pray. Amen.

The Solo

Lord, Make Me An Instrument

M. Roger Holland II

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“You Are No Ox”

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 Song

What a Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

The Prayer for Blessing at the Start of the School Year

*The Song of Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

Grace & Natasha Moes

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Mark Patterson

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organist – Patty Pratt; Soloist – Rick Gossett; Pianist – Barb Gossett; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Aug. 14 Collection Plate	\$ 9,409.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,982.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 13,391.00

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

TODAY at FRC

Welcome to First Reformed Church in Grandville. If you are visiting, a warm welcome to you. Our prayer is that this worship service will usher you to the throne of grace. Pastor Jeff brings the morning message. If you are searching for a church home and would like more information about First Reformed Church, please stop at the Welcome Desk near the main entrance. We would love to meet you. Please join us for coffee time following the service in the room to your left.

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!

Summer Sunday School – Our last summer Sunday School is today during the worship service in the downstairs assembly room.

LOOKING AHEAD

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

Save the Date! Our Fall Kick Off celebration will take place on September 11 with an all-church luncheon of Pulled pork, jello, coleslaw, chips and cookies. Plan to join us! Youth group begins that night and children's programming will begin September 18.

High School (9th-12th) – Pool party tonight at 5:30pm at 3501 Apache Ct., Grandville.

Middle School & High School Youth Groups start September 11 – Middle School meets from 4:00-5:30pm and High School from 6:30-8:00pm.

Grandville High School Young Life starts September 12 at 7:27pm. Location to be determined.

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Greeters – We are looking for two families every Sunday to greet at the north and south ends of the narthex. If you would be willing to sign up for 1 or more Sundays please sign up at the sign up center.

A welcome to you from the Esther Circle - The Esther Circle meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the adult classroom beginning September 6. All women are welcome to meet for a time of coffee, fellowship, mission interests and an informal Bible study. We are discussing the Twenty Third Psalm, lesson 7. Copies of the lesson will be available. Looking forward to meeting you. Contact Karen Diekema – 616-644-0820 if you have any questions.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Children's ministry volunteers needed! Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer in KidMin! We are getting closer to a full schedule, but we are in need of at least 12 more volunteers. We have openings for Children in Worship during the service (ages 3-5) and Sunday School after the service (nursery-5th grade). Contact Madelyn for more information: madelyn@firstgrandville.org

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**, is home from Mayo Clinic.
- **Joyce VanderMarkt**, is in the hospital.
- **Jeff Muller**, is home and continues to recover from a liver transplant.
- **Joyce Bolthouse**, at Green Acres Assisted Living, under the care of hospice.
- **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: Art Tusch, Curt Stoel, Janet Pofahl, Don Kempema, Bob Verburg, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Kathy VanRiper, Arvin Bleyenbergh, Tristen Raimer.**

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.