

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



The Growing Season
August 28, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Your Name with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Paul Baloche, Glenn Packiam
arr. Heather Sorenson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome and *Greeting

*The Call to Worship

Leader: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before Me."

**People: We believe in one true God who frees us from the bondage of sin. We gather here today to worship Him.
Praise the Lord!**

*The Songs of Praise

***Everlasting God
Crown Him***

Brenton Brown, Ken Riley
Jacob Sooter, Stephen McWhirter

The Confession of Our Sins

Leader: We all have sinned and fallen short.

People: Your Word tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and all that we need will be added.

Leader: Often we get this in the wrong order.

People: We put ourselves first and try to satisfy our own needs and desires.

Leader: We love money and the things that it can buy; things that do not profit Your kingdom.

People: Sometimes that causes us to feel proud, but at other times we feel worthless, empty, and afraid.

Leader: We humbly pray for renewal of our hearts and minds.

People: Help us to refocus, to direct our eyes to You, to delight in Your commands, to love others, and to truly seek Your kingdom. Amen.

The Song of Response

Lord, You Have My Heart

Martin Smith

The Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find delight in His commands.

People: Even in darkness, light dawns to those who are generous and compassionate and righteous.

Leader: Surely the righteous shall never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

from Psalm 112

The Song of Assurance

Love Like This

Jason Ingram, Lauren Daigle, Paul Brendon Mabury

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Message

"Judge Jesus"

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 Solo

Nearer, My God, to Thee

BETHANY, Lowell Mason, Heather Sorenson

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Hymn

The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy Bryon Austin Rees, HANOVER, William Croft

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing (HERMAS)

setting, Mark Sedio

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink; Organist – Patty Pratt; Soloist – Susie Jolink; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Aug. 21 Collection Plate \$ 8,205.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,421.00

Total Offering: \$ 12,626.00

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 Bud 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!

LOOKING AHEAD

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

Adult Sunday school – Jeff Watson will be teaching adult Sunday school this fall. He will teach about his time in Israel. The dates will vary. Here are the first 4 dates: September 18 & 25, October 16 & 23. Class will be from 11:00 - 11:45am.

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

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8thgrades) starts September 11 – We will meet at Wedgwood Park from 4:00-5:30pm. Please drop and pick up your kids there. Questions? Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) starts September 11. We will meet in the gym from 6:30-8:00pm. Questions? Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

FOCUS begins September 28. FOCUS begins at 5:30 pm with dinner and programming to follow.

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

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.

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 ed 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.

Urbana 2022 - Urbana Missions Conference is happening this December 28-31 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For high school seniors, college students, and grad students. Cost is \$615 for students and \$715 for non-students. Support is available from Missions Endowment Fund for students. Contact Kin Ma (makinm67@gmail.com), Jon Hull (jon@firstgrandville.org), or Jeff Watson (jeffw@firstgrandville.org) for more information.

Bible League Power of the Word Conference – The conference for men and women is Friday, September 16 at Friendship CRC in Byron Center. Bible League's daylong conference begins at 9:00 and includes multiple sessions with author, recording artist, and keynote speaker Sarah Schieber. Get more information or register online at bibleleague.org/tickets.

Join the 1,200 members of the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) for a free course on "400 Years of African American Music History", four Wednesdays in September, from 3:15-4:30pm. The course covers African American music history from the late 1600s to the present, focusing on the relationship between historical events and the evolution of four distinctive musical genres: spirituals, blues, jazz, and gospel. This project is funded in part by Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The class is available online, in-person, or recorded and anyone new to our program will be gifted a 1-year membership. More details at calvin.edu/call. Call 616-526-8777 or email call@calvin.edu.

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

THANK YOU...

....for all the prayers for my great granddaughter, Hannah Arendsen, following her auto accident. She is now home and receiving therapy at Mary Free Bed.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carole Kempema	86 on the 1 st
James Danek	82 on the 6 th
Victor DeJonge	84 on the 12 th
Evelyn Telgen	89 on the 13 th
Ruth Cole	95 on the 16 th
James Stelma	80 on the 21 st
Martin Lantinga	80 on the 23 rd
Janet Pofahl	96 on the 24 th
Marilyn DeVree	90 on the 28 th
Karen Diekema	84 on the 29 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:

- **Ev Loux**, recovering from eye surgery at her daughter Michelle's house.
- **Joyce VanderMarkt**, at Butterworth Hospital.
- **Jeff Muller**, at home receiving antibiotics.
- Gerardo & Lila VacaGuzman's granddaughter, **Luna Grace**, was born 9 weeks premature and will be in ICU until she grows and gets stronger. Her mom, **Melanie**, is recuperating from pre-eclampsia.
- **Tristen Raimer**, had surgery to remove a lymph node and biopsy.
- **Morey Cook** (Brian Cook's dad), is at Trillium Woods under the care of hospice.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Doug Hunderman, Curt Stoel, Don Kempema, Don Ferris, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Kathy VanRiper, Arvin Bleyenbergh.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **The family and friends of Joyce Bolthouse**, who passed away August 19.

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, Jeff Watson – 616-250-7148, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189 or consistory vice president Bob Stelma - 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.