

Celebrating the Circle of God's Love



The Growing Season
September 18, 2022
Mission Sunday

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune
adapt. Tom Colvin, setting, Nancy M. Raabe

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome and Call to Worship

The Recognition of our Global Partners

Partner

Chuck & Jean VanEngen

Thiago & Lia Dantas

Priscila Saltos

Gladys Thomas - Haiti Project

Jodi Oppenhuizen

James & Anita Sundararajan

Bob & Amy Abel

**S & A

Site

Latin America (Mexico)

Brazil

Ecuador

Haiti

Czech Republic

India

Thailand

Central Asia

Partner

**Mark & Jennifer

**Haluk & Wendy

Josh & Virginia Ham

Rachel Williams

Rowland & Jane Van Es

Gabriel Barau - Fulani

Dave & Linda McCleery

Site

Middle East (Jordan)

Middle East (Turkey)

Cameroon

Mozambique

Kenya

Nigeria

USA

**names omitted due to security concerns

*The Songs of Praise

Lord, Most High
Thrive

Don Harris, Gary Sadler
Mark Hall, Matthew West

*The Greeting

The Call to Mission

Joining the Mission of God

Our World Belongs to God st. 41,42

Leader 1: Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom

People: To call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

Leader 2: The Spirit calls all members

People: To embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world:

Leader 1: To feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

People: We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

Leader 2: In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and we face confusing choices,

People: We witness - with respect for followers of other ways - to the only One in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to Himself. God loves all creation; His compassion knows no bounds.

The Anthem

We're Building the Circle of Love

Ray McCutcheon, Lloyd Larson

The Mission Update

Rachel Williams

Following God's Call

based on Psalm 95

Leader 1: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Leader 2: Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord.

Leader 1: Let us tell the world that God has saved us.

Leader 2: Let us thank Him from the bottom of our hearts.

Leader 1: Let us sing songs of praise to Him.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Leader 2: Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God.

Leader 1: Let us kneel before the God who made us.

Leader 2: He is our God. We are His people. He loves us.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Leader 1: Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it.

Leader 2: Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did when everything didn't go the way they expected it to.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

*The Song

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

The Mission Update

Mark & Jennifer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:4-21

The Message

"Missions from Everywhere to Everywhere"

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

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

The News of the Church Alive

The Sending Song

LightShine

J. Paul Williams, Joseph Martin

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

You Are Holy

DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling, setting, Nancy M. Raabe

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Speaking – Dave McCleery, Mark & Jennifer, Rachel Williams; Liturgists – Pastor Bud Pratt, Tony & June Williams; Organist – Patty Pratt; Pianists – Barbara Gossett, Barb VanderHeide; Chancel Choir; Kids Praise Choir; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Sept. 11 Collection Plate	\$ 10,127.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,227.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 13,354.00

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.

Sunday Children's Programming Schedule:

Nursery (birth – 3 year olds) - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service. Nursery will also be available during adult Sunday school if you plan to attend.

Children in Worship (ages 3 years – Kindergarten) can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Sunday school (Nursery-5th Grade) 10:45-11:45am

- Birth – 3year olds meet in the Nursery
- 3 year olds – PreK meet in room #113 South
- Kindergarten – 3rd grade meet in the downstairs assembly room
- 4th & 5th grades meet in room #113 north

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. Donuts provided.

Middle School youth group (6th-8th grades) from 4:00-5:30pm. Snacks provided. TONIGHT we will meet at Wedgwood Park! Please drop and pick up your kids there. Contact Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.

High School youth group (9th-12th grades) from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth gym. Food provided. Contact Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Handbell choir – Tuesday, 6:30pm

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

Chancel Choir – will meet this Wednesday at 6:30pm

Staff page –We've had a lot of staff changes in the last 6 months so we put a page with our current staff in your mailslots.

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 25, October 2, 23, 30. Class will be from 11:00 - 11:45am.

Save the Date! **Fall Festival** on Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 – 8:00pm. All ages are welcome to come and enjoy the fun as we celebrate the beginning of our fall Wednesday night programming. We will be meeting outside by the Youth gym. More details to come. Contact madelyn@firstgrandville.org with questions.

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

Inquirer's class - An Inquirer's Class is planned for October 2 - 23 (four weeks) taught by Pastor Bud for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. (Class held on Sundays at 11:00 in Pastor Bud's office). Please email mail@firstgrandville.org if you would like to attend.

Esther Circle - meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the adult ed classroom. 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. Copies of the lesson will be available. Looking forward to meeting you. Contact Karen Diekema – 616-644-0820 if you have any questions.

Women in the Word - meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am in the upstairs adult education room. This fall we turn our attention to the book of Hebrews. Books will be available for \$10. If anyone needs an alternative form of the book we would be happy to assist. Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008.

Men's Bible Study - will meet every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30pm. We will meet at Marge's Donut Den at 1751 28th. St. SW. David Bast will discuss the book which he authored on the Psalms. Mark Davis will lead the discussion on some of the Psalms not covered in David Bast's book.

MegaMen Bible study - meets every Wednesday at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. If you would enjoy fellowship with other men that dig into the Word, come join us. Contact Dave Lidgard – dlidgard@hpseagles.net or Bob Stelma - mstelmau78@yahoo.com if you have 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville High School Young Life – Monday, September 19 at 7:27pm in the Youth gym.

Grandville Middle School WyldLife starts September 27 at 7:27pm. They meet in the Youth gym.

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 looking for two Children in Worship leaders, two Sunday School nursery adults, and 2 preschool Sunday school teachers. Contact Madelyn for more information: madelyn@firstgrandville.org

Youth group leaders – We are in need of female leaders for the middle and high school youth groups. We are also looking for adults who would be willing to help lead Sunday school, along with Jon following the worship service until 11:30. Contact Jon at Jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

Food pantry needs – crackers, cereal/oatmeal, canned meats, Jello, pudding, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned beef stew, canned pasta (SpaghettiO's), rice, stuffing, boxed potatoes, hamburger or tuna helper. Please leave donations in the cart in the Activity Center.

Meal Train for Melanie Vlietstra-Kilgore – If you would like to make a meal for the newly expanded Kilgore family here is the link to sign up – <https://mealtrain.com/vl2zmw>. If you are unable to sign up online you can sign up at the sign-up center.

Hand2hand - Many school kids rely on free breakfast and lunch programs but do not have food during the weekend. Our Mission Council is partnering with hand2hand to help meet this need for students at Godwin Middle School and Potters House. We are taking non-perishable food donations for hand2hand. These items need to be in individual packets. Items needed are: popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, pretzels, goldfish crackers, any bagged snack, meat sticks, instant cereal, instant mac 'n cheese, soup. There is a box in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you! For more information about hand2hand, please visit h2hkids.org. Look for more volunteer opportunities in the future!

Grand Rapids SouthWest Young Life Banquet – We'd love for you to join us on Monday, October 17, at South Harbor Church. We'll have a variety of Food Trucks providing dinner for guests from 6:00-6:45, and then will start our program at 7:00pm. God has been faithful! We can't wait to share stories and updates with you! Please RSVP so we plan the number of Food Trucks accordingly! RSVP by emailing the Young Life office (office@grsw.younglife.org), or calling us (616-965-1568).

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.

Hospitality Council - seeking those with the gift of Hospitality. For all you Martha's out there! If you enjoy creating spaces for fellowship and fun we would love you to join our Hospitality team. See Deb Lidgard at the Information Desk or email her at delidgar@hpseagles.net for more details.

70 x 7 Recovery Life Recovery - 70 x 7 cards for prisoners needs 200+ pen pals for men and women on the waiting list. To learn more about this check out this website - <https://conta.cc/3QTSjd3> or talk to Sandy Bajema – sbajema@sbcglobal.net.

**Israel Study Tour – Journey to the Land of the Text
May 1-15, 2023**

Join Dr. Dan Kroeze, Professor of Biblical Studies at Kuyper College, Rev. Evan Heerema and Kuyper students on a fascinating journey through Israel, the land God chose to enact his redemptive story for the world. Experience the Bible in a new light and return home to serve the God who equips us to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Visit www.landofthetext.com for trip details, brochure and to register.

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:

- **Maria Oskam**, dealing with ongoing health concerns.
- **Wayne Veneklasen**, having open heart surgery September 26.
- **Terry Jolink**, having back surgery September 29.
- **Jeff Muller**, at home continuing to receive antibiotics.
- **Joyce VanderMarkt**, has moved to Spectrum Rehab on Kalamazoo Ave.
- **Trent Balley**, will begin 6 months of chemotherapy starting the end of September. He was diagnosed with hodgkin's lymphoma.
- **Bob Waters**, has metastatic melanoma and began immunotherapy.
- **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 Ferris, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Luna Grace VacaGuzman, Kathy VanRiper, Arvin Bleyenbergh.**

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
FAH birthday – September 28 - Marilyn DeVree, Freedom Village, 145 Columbia Ave., Suite 2, Rm. 225, Holland, 49423

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.

First Reformed Church Missionaries

(some names are omitted due to security concerns)

Bob and Amy Abel

Bob provides direction for Remember Nhu missionary staff, including pastoral care, new missionary transition, discipleship support, and leadership development. Remember Nhu currently operates in 16 countries through 100 homes for children, preventing 2,000 children from entering the sex trade.

Gabriel Barau

Gabriel serves with World Mission and the Go International Organization of Nigeria to bring the Word of God to the predominantly Muslim Fulani and Hausa people groups in Northern Nigeria. Most Fulani and Hausa peoples are aural learners, so in order to reach them with the Word of God, Gabriel distributes audio scriptures called The Treasure – a solar digital audio Bible that fits in the palm of your hand.

Haluk and Wendy Bilgen

Haluk has been serving with Words of Hope in Turkey since 1998. They have a vision to make the gospel known throughout every province in Turkey through radio and TV. Wendy is a social worker and therapist and works with individuals, families, and ministry teams in crisis, and leadership coaching.

Thiago and Lia Dantas

In partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Manaus (IPM) in Brazil, Thiago and Lia serve as missionary liaisons between churches in the U.S. and communities in Brazil to plant churches, train Brazilian pastors and reach people along the Amazon River with Christ's love and hope through medical mission boats.

Josh and Virginia Ham

Josh works as a translation consultant for two projects in eastern Cameroon, supporting local Bible translation teams and checking translated Scriptures for accuracy. Virginia serves as linguistics coordinator for the country of Cameroon.

Dave and Linda McCleary

Dave serves as Mission Aviation Fellowship's Latin America Regional Director, overseeing ministry air bases in seven countries in Central and South America. Additionally, Dave is involved in mobilizing new missionaries in the Midwest US since they are currently based in Michigan.

Jodi Oppenhuizen

Jodi lives in the Czech Republic's capital city of Prague and serves as counselor, teacher and school developer at the Christian International School of Prague.

Priscila Saltos

Priscila has a heart for sharing Jesus with children in her home country of Ecuador. She serves in various ministry roles in schools, churches, and small groups to disciple young believers and bring new people to Christ.

James and Anita Sundararajan

James serves with World Cassette Outreach of India to provide audio bible recordings and distribute audio listening devices to Christians so that all can now hear the Gospel in their heart language (through an app called "HUM").

Gladys Thomas

Gladys directs the Foundation for the Children of Haiti, a Christian organization providing physical, emotional, and spiritual care to needy children in Haiti.

Chuck and Jean Van Engen

Chuck and Jean serve with the Latin American Leadership Development Program (LALDP) since 2004; Chuck now serves as its president while living in Holland, Mich. Jean serves in an accounting role. LALDP provides advanced theological training in Spanish and Portuguese.

Rowland and Jane Van Es

Rowland and Jane Van Es serve at St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya. They spend their days instructing young adults in theology, business, and social sciences, seeking to equip their students for lives of service in the world.

Rachel Williams

Rachel serves with Africa Inland Mission in Mozambique, where she lives and serves with the Mwani people, over 99.9% of whom are not Christian. Rachel, along with a team, shares the Good News of Jesus Christ with these people who live in spiritual darkness.

S and A

S and A are in Central Asia doing healthcare training alongside local colleagues. They have been led to move to a different area of the country and are building significant relationships there. They are really grateful for the church's partnership in loving the people in Central Asia and supporting them and their training of health workers who will train the next generation of people to improve their society. Because of the sensitive nature of their work, if you want to learn more details, please contact Jeff Muller or Kin Ma.