

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



**The Growing Season**  
**Profession of Faith and Reception of New Members**  
September 25, 2022

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Introduction and Toccata in G Major*

The Prelude

William Walond

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Henry F. Lyte, LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss

\*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 77

Leader: We will remember the deeds of the LORD;

**People: We will remember Your miracles of long ago.**

Leader: We will consider all Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds.

**People: Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?**

Leader: You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples.

**People: With Your mighty arm You redeemed Your people and we praise You today!**

\*The Song of Praise

***What the Lord Has Done In Me***

Reuben Morgan

\*The Greeting

The Reception of New Members and the Profession of Faith

The Presentation of the New Members

The Word of God

The Prayer

The Vows

\*We Affirm our Faith

The Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Call and Challenge

from 1 Timothy 6

Leader: You, people of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**People: In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, we seek to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in His own time God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. Amen.**

Leader: Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

**People: In this way we will lay up treasure as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life.**

Leader: Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**People: In this way we will lay up treasure as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is**

truly life.

\*The Song

*In Christ Alone*

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"How Wide is the Gap?"**

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

*Living Hope*

Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson

*(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)*

The Mission Update Video

*Remember Nhu*

Bob Abel

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

Gelobt sei Gott, Healey Willan

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Organist – Patty Pratt; Praise Team

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

Sept. 18 Collection Plate \$ 10,104.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,286.00

Total Offering: \$ 14,390.00

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. Professing her faith today is Hannah Peraino. Joining by transfer of membership are William and Bernice Grooters, Ken Viening, Betty Beemer, Melissa Peraino and baptized son, Noah, and Kathy and Bob Waters.

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.

### **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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet in the downstairs assembly room
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym. Snacks provided. Contact Jon Hull – [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information.

**High School youth group** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Gym. Food provided. Contact Jon Hull – [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Handbell choir** – Tuesday, 5:15pm

**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.

**First Grade Bible Sunday** will be October 9. If you have a first grader or a child that has not yet received a Bible, please let Madelyn know ([madelyn@firstgrandville.org](mailto:madelyn@firstgrandville.org)).

**FOCUS** begins THIS WEDNESDAY, 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma - [mstelmau78@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:makinm67@gmail.com)), Jon Hull ([jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org)), or Jeff Watson ([jeffw@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jeffw@firstgrandville.org)) for more information.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Grandville High School Young Life** – Monday, September 25 at 7:27pm at the Mann's house – 3166 Coronation Ave., SW, Byron Center.

**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**

If you are interested in serving with **children's ministry** contact Madelyn ([madelyn@firstgrandville.org](mailto:madelyn@firstgrandville.org)) for more information!

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**, on the transplant list for a second liver transplant.
- **Joyce VanderMarkt**, has moved to Spectrum Rehab on Kalamazoo Ave.
- **Trent Balley** (22 year old former youth group attendee), has been diagnosed with hodgkin's lymphoma, and will begin 6 months of chemotherapy starting the end of September.
- Todd & Becca Hollen's nieces, **Sydney (17)** and **Ellie (19)**, both diagnosed with different types of cancer and receiving treatment.
- **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: Joyce VanderMarkt, Doug Hunderman, Curt Stoel, Don Ferris, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Bob Waters, Luna Grace VacaGuzman, Kathy VanRiper, Arvin Bleyenbergh.**

### We extend Christian Sympathy:

- **To the family of Todd & Becca Hollen**, at the death of Todd's dad, Tom Hollen, on September 18.
- **To the family of John & Anne Potyraj**, at the death of John's mom, Shirley Potyraj, on September 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  
**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.

## THANK YOU...

...for all the prayers, cards, calls and support. **Richard & Kay TenHaken**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Browneye	82 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Don Scovel	83 on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Crystal Baum	95 on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Arlene Jacobitz	80 on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
David Krombeen	81 on the 26 <sup>th</sup>