

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion



**World Communion Sunday**  
**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Holy Manna setting, Wilbur Held  
setting, Dale Wood

### WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Trust in the Lord and do good.

Leader 2: Take delight in the Lord.

**People: Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him.**

Leader 1: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

Leader 2: Those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**People: Let us continue to worship this Lord, today, in this place.**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

John Oxenham, Alexander Reinagle

The Prayer of Confession

Leader 1: We know that the early Christians, because of their faith and dedication, turned the world upside down.

Leader 2: They did this because they led so many people to changed lives as a result of their teaching about the knowledge of God the Father, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the saving work of Jesus Christ, the Son.

**People: Too often we feel that we have to accomplish great things in order gain God's approval.**

Leader 1: We put pressure on ourselves to produce the amount of faith we need, instead of looking to God to develop that faith in us.

Our Assurance from God

Leader 2: We are instructed by God's word to rely on the power of God, who saved us with a holy calling, not according to our own works but according to His own purpose and grace.

**People: PRAISE BE TO GOD!**

\*The Song of Response

*Great Are You Lord*

Jason Ingram Leslie Jordan, David Leonard

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:5-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message

**"Supersize My Faith Please"**

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 Anthem

*The Wonder of Grace*

Joseph M. Martin

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Supper Explained

The Invitation

The Declaration of God's Promises

\*The Affirmation of Our Faith

The Communion Prayer (concluding with 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 offerings.

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

The Apostles' Creed

The Communion Songs

***Because We Believe***

Jamie Harvill, Nancy Gordon

***Our God***

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** Fred Kaan, Jamaican folk tune, adapt. D. Potter

The Communion Blessing (spoken together)

**Dear Father, we give thanks for all that we have received at this communion table. Multiply the impact of this simple bread and cup, O Lord. May unity open and separations close because we have been fed with Your heavenly Spirit. May Your will increasingly be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

The News of the Church Alive

\*The Closing Song

***By Faith***

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Chris Tomlin

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican, adapt. D. Potter, setting J. Behnke

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink, Pastor Bud Pratt; Organist – Patty Pratt; Flute – Barb Nienhuis; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

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

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

Sept. 25 Collection Plate \$ 8,548.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,047.00

Total Offering: \$ 11,595.00

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 Watson 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.

11:00-11:45am

**Inquirer's class** – this 4 week class begins today and ends October 23. The class is taught by Pastor Bud for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. This class meets in Pastor Bud's office.

**Adult Sunday school** - Jeff Watson will be teaching about his time in Israel in the upstairs adult ed room.

**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

**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** meets on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30pm with a meal followed by programming for grades Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This week they are serving a baked potato bar.

**Esther Circle** - meets this Tuesday, October 4 at 9:30am. 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, October 3 at 7:27pm in the Youth gym.

**Grandville Middle School WyldLife** – October 11 at 7:27pm 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

**Advent Festival** – We are looking for volunteers to help plan the Advent Festival this year. It will take place on November 26. Please contact Madelyn if you would like to help! [Madelyn@firstgrandville.org](mailto:Madelyn@firstgrandville.org)

**Maple Tree Preschool Panera Bread fundraiser** – Tuesday, October 25, from 4:00-8:00pm. You can find a flyer in your mailbox you need to bring with you or for the code to order online.

Our church is participating in a **coat collection** for Roosevelt Park Ministries. **Today through October 20**, we will be collecting new and gently used coats. They will make these available to the families they serve through their ministry. All items should be clean and in good condition. There is a box in the parlor for your donations. Boy's, girl's, men's, and women's coats of all sizes are needed, especially children's coats. If you would like to help the days of the event, please contact us at the phone number or email listed below:  
Office line: 616-475-5881

Email: [family.worker@rooseveltparkministries.org](mailto:family.worker@rooseveltparkministries.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](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/vl2zmmw>. 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 in our community. 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:

- **Jeff Muller**, his second liver transplant was successful. He is recovering at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.
- **Wayne Veneklasen**, had successful triple bypass surgery and is recovering at the Meijer Heart Center.
- **Maria Oskam**, dealing with ongoing health concerns.
- **Terry Jolink**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Trent Bailey** (22 year old former youth group attendee), has been diagnosed with hodgkin's lymphoma, and began chemotherapy.
- Todd & Becca Hollen's nieces, **Sydney (17)** and **Ellie (19)**, both diagnosed with different types of cancer and receiving treatment.
- 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 Bleyenberg.**

#### We extend Christian Sympathy:

- **To the family of Brian & Julie Cook**, at the death of Brian's dad, Morey Cook, on September 25.

#### 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** – October 10 – Crystal Baum – 2205 Mapleton NE, Grand Rapids, 49505

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 the flowers, call, and visits for my birthday. I really appreciated it. **Janet Pofahl**

## 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>