

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



The Growing Season
Reception of New Members
October 9, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes, arr. Michael Ryan

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! Because of Your great power, Your enemies cringe before You. All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You, sing praises to Your name."

People: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds among mortals.

Leader: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations.

People: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard.

*The Song of Praise

That's Why We Praise Him

Tommy Walker

*The Greeting

The Bible Presentations

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we confess that we are doers. We are comfortable with cookbook Christianity.

People: We want to believe in our own ability to follow the recipe, to do the right thing, to act the right way, to look the right way.

Leader: We are busy striving to prove our faithfulness to You. We're so distracted by acting like Christians that we don't see Christ when He's standing right in front of us.

People: Forgive us, O Lord, for our blindness. Forgive us for our stubbornness and teach us to rest in Your faithfulness.

The Assurance of Pardon

from 2 Timothy 2

Leader: This is a faithful saying:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him.

If we endure, we will also reign with Him.

If we are faithless, He remains faithful for He cannot deny who He is.

*The Song of Thanksgiving

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

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 17:11-19

The Message **“Where Are the Nine?”**

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 Hymn

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Fred Pratt Green
CANONBURY, Robert Schumann

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The Reception of New Members

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song **Yes, He Can** Madison Cain, Logan Cain, Taylor Cain, Jeff Pardo

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Toccatina on ‘O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing’* AZMON, Carl Gläser, arr. Alfred Fedak

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Organist – Patty Pratt; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

Joining by transfer of membership are Barbara and Rick Gossett, Erin and Brian Breuker and their baptized children: Natalie, Liam, and Paige. The First Graders receiving their bibles today are: Keegan Kelly, Sam Cook, Molly Lancto, Bennett Purser, and Violet Stadt.

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville
Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Oct. 2 Collection Plate	\$ 12,191.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,770.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 14,961.00

October 2 Communion: \$ 1,505.00

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 – in Pastor Bud’s office.

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 in the Youth Gym. Snacks provided. 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, 5:15pm

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

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

We will be hosting a **Trunk or Treat** on Wednesday, October 26th from 7:00-8:00pm! If you are interested in decorating a trunk, please let Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org) know or sign up at the sign-up center! For those that are interested in helping but are unable to attend, you can bring candy donations and place them in the box in the parlor.

FOCUS meets on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30pm with a meal followed by programming for grades Kindergarten – 5th grade. This week they will be serving hamburgs and eating outside.

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 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville High School Young Life – Monday, October 10 at 7:27pm at the Lauka's – 219 Regal Ct., Grandville.

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

FOCUS dinner clean up crew – we are looking for some people to clean up following the FOCUS dinners on Wednesday night. After being here all day cooking and serving we would like to give the kitchen ladies a break and clean up for them. To volunteer to do this please call the office – 534-5465 or email mail@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

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/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. 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.

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.
- **Joelle Smith**, having back surgery October 11.
- **Janet Pofahl**, was hospitalized for an infection but is now home recovering.
- **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 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 – 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.