

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



November 13, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*How Firm a Foundation
Variant III on FOUNDATION*

Robert Hobby
Raymond Haan

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Songs of Praise

***King of Kings
Build My Life***

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram
Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple
Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

*The Call to Worship

Leader: O God, You are the power behind all things

People: You are the energy behind the weather, the heat behind a million suns.

Leader: O God, You are the power behind all minds

People: You are behind our thoughts and reason, behind all understanding of the truth.

Leader: O God, You are the power behind all of creation

People: You are with us whether near or far. There is nothing that can separate us from Your great love. Eternal God, we worship and adore You now.

*The Greeting

The Anthem

Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord

Vicki Hancock Wright

The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, You are a great God. A most gracious parent, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways. We have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble. We have rejected Your guidance and have gotten lost altogether. We wander our own paths and keep our own counsel. Help us, O Lord, to seek after You and You alone. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

*The Song of Assurance

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"End Times?"

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

Promises

Lemuel Marin, Joe L. Barnes, Dante Bowe, Aaron Moses
Phillip Carrington Gaines, Keila Alvarado

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

The Recognition of Our Veterans

*The Sending Song

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*
FOUNDATION, Traditional American melody

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Trumpet Tune and Finale from Variations on How Firm a Foundation

Janet Linker

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Patty Pratt; Kids' Praise Choir; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Nov. 6 Collection Plate \$ 14,926.00

Online Giving: \$ 6,477.00

Total Offering: \$ 21,403.00

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.

Pastor Melanie is looking forward to learning more about the church and is scheduling meetings to get to know people. If you would like to meet with Melanie and share some of your insights on church (worship, mission, discipleship, or anything!), sign up for a meeting time at the Sign Up Center or contact Melanie in the office or email melanie@firstgrandville.org if none of those times work for you.

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

There will not be **Middle School** (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) Sunday School or Youth Group today. Next Sunday, November 20, the **Middle School youth group** will be going to Rebounderz. Meet at church at 3:30. The cost is \$25.

LOOKING AHEAD

Handbell choir – Tuesday, 5:15pm

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesday at 6:30pm

ADVENT FESTIVAL - We will be having our annual Advent Festival on Sunday, November 27 from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm with crafts, live nativity, and a meal. If you are interested in helping in any way - preparing craft supplies before the 27th or helping at a craft station during the event on the 27th - please contact Madelyn at Madelyn@firstgrandville.org.

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 meatloaf.

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 – dldgard@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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pastor Melanie Kilgore will be installed on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00pm.
- Help is needed for Christmas decor on Friday, November 25 at 9:30am.
- Advent Festival, November 27, 4:00-6:30pm.
- Celebrate with Pastor Bud and Patty on December 18. Details to come.
- Sunday, Christmas Day, we will worship at 10:00am. **Note the time change.**

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville High School Young Life – Monday, November 14, at 7:27pm at church. Contact Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

Grandville Middle School WyldLife – November 22 at 7:27pm at church.

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

Thanksgiving Food Collection for the Domestic Crisis Center: For the entire month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable foods, toiletries, diapers of every size, and household items for the Domestic Crisis Center in Grand Rapids. As the “month of Thanksgiving” unfolds, our front steps will grow with your generosity. Please place these items on the front steps of the sanctuary beginning November 6 through Thanksgiving Day when we will gather (10:00 AM) to give thanks to God for His abundance in our lives. Consistory members will be available following each service to help you unload your cars if you so desire. We will also hold a drive through food drop-off event on the Friday after Thanksgiving (11-25-22) from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM where church members will be available to unload your cars and pack the bus for the journey to the DCC.

Other Way Christmas Store - We are also collecting new unopened toys for this ministry (unwrapped with prices still attached). You can find a list of needed items in your mailslot. The Christmas Store makes these gifts available to low income families at greatly reduced prices. There are boxes in the narthex for your toy donations. The toy drive ends on December 4.

Venezuelan Trip and Home Visit: Pastor Jose Rivas will be traveling to Venezuela on November 29 for 6 days to visit his family and bring much needed supplies. Jose's mom has not been in good health, recently diagnosed with high blood pressure in addition to her cancer battle. First Church would like to send some of these things: we have enough hygiene items but are in need of medicines for kids and adults (ie., vitamins, ibuprofen, Tylenol, cold medicine, allergy medicine, etc.), clothing for boys and girls ages 8 to 12, shoes sizes 6,7,8,9 for boys and girls, for adults, 10,11,12. In Venezuela these things are very expensive, (where the basic salary is \$10 per month). There is a box with the Venezuelan flag in the Narthex for these items. Thank you in advance!

Hand2hand – Since we have started to deliver to Century Park Learning Center the number of kids we deliver to has increased. We are now up to 44 kids. With the holiday breaks coming up we will be sending them home with a little extra food. Along with the other items we need we would like to include a box of pancake mix, small size syrup, 16 oz. peanut butter. 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 oatmeal, cereal, instant mac 'n cheese, soup, canned pasta, yogurt pouches. These items need to be in individual packets There is a box in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you!

THANK YOU...

...The **Boss family** would like to thank First Reformed Church for all the thoughts and prayers over the years for Vern and Norma Boss. The personal visits, cards, and flowers were very much appreciated. The church and its people meant so much to them. We can all rejoice that they are now with their Lord and Savior.

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**, further testing, and surgery scheduled for December 21.
- **Mart & Pat Lantinga**, involved in a car accident. Pat is home recovering from a fractured sternum.
- **Curt Stoel**, at home under the care of hospice.
- **Ev Lindhout**, at home and continuing to recover from a fall.
- **Mike Longcore**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Bob Verburg**, back at Rivertown Ridge..
- **Sheryl See**, home recovering from a stroke.
- **Ron See**, continues to recover at home.
- **Carmen Rivas** (Jose's mom), is struggling with hypertension and a cancer battle.
- **Beverly VanDuinen** (Jeff's mom), is under the care of hospice.
- **Arvin Bleyenbergh** (Lila VacaGuzman's dad), who is going through chemo for an aggressive cancer.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Jeff Muller, Joelle Smith, Wayne Veneklasen, Joyce VanderMarkt, Terry Jolink, Joyce VanderMarkt, Doug Hunderman, Don Ferris, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Sydney & Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **Scott & Kim Donze & family**, at the death of Scott's dad, Adrian Donze, on November 6.

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, Art Tusch, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei

FAH Birthday – November 27 – Helen Dertien, Sunset Manor, 725 Baldwin St., #2046, Jenison, MI 49428

November 29 – Pat Marcusse - Lakeside Vista, 340 W. 40th St., Holland, MI 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.