



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 20, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

English, ROYAL OAK, arr. Kevin McChesney

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Gathering Song

Behold Our God

Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

*The Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Leader 1: God is our refuge and strength

Leader 2: a very present help in trouble

People: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change

Leader 1: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God

Leader 2: the holy habitation of the Most High

People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved

Leader 1: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

Leader 2: Be still.... and know that I am God

People: I am exalted among the nations

Leader 1: I am exalted in the earth

Leader 2: The Lord of hosts is with us as we worship His name today

People: PRAISE be to God!

*The Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, the Lord Is King Charles Wesley, DARWALL'S 148th, John Darwall

*The Greeting

Our Confession and the Words of Forgiveness

Leader 1: One of the criminals on the cross near Jesus said;

Leader 2: "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

People: No one there understood.

Leader 1: The Roman soldiers put a sign on the cross of Jesus to mock Him;

Leader 2: "This is the King of the Jews"

People: No one there understood

Leader 1: We still don't seem to understand.

We look to Jesus, just as the Jews did, to establish His Kingdom on our terms, not His.

Leader 2: Jesus said; "My Kingdom is not an earthly Kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep Me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders.

People: But My Kingdom is not of this world."

Leader 1: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power

Leader 2: while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints, in the light.

Leader 1: He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transformed us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son

Leader 2: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

All: With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed, King and Savior of all. PRAISE be to God!

*The Song of Assurance

Crown Him

Jacob Sooter, Stephen McWhirter

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“What Does it Mean for Christ to be King?”

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

Beautiful Savior Gesangbuch, *Münster*, tr. Joseph A. Seiss, ST. ELIZABETH

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

The News of the Church Alive

The Mission Update

Bethany Christian Services

We Proclaim that Christ is King! *(spoken together)*

from *Our World Belongs to God*

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes.

God keeps covenant forever: Our world belongs to God!

God is King: Let the earth be glad!

Christ is victor: His rule has begun!

The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

*The Sending Song

All Hail Christ

Joshua Banner

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Toccata on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Tim Fields

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Colin & Naomi Diekman; Organist – Patty Pratt; Bells of Joy; Praise Team

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Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Nov. 13 Collection Plate \$ 8,720.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,261.00

Total Offering: \$ 11,981.00

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 Bud Pratt 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 - Jeff Watson will be teaching a class about his trip to Israel in the upstairs adult ed room.

3:00pm – Join us for Pastor Melanie’s installation in the Sanctuary followed by light refreshments.

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

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

Middle School youth group (6th-8th grades) will be going to Rebounderz today! Please drop your kids off at Rebounderz at 3:50 and pick up at 5:30 from Rebounderz. 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. We will be having a Thanksgiving feast. Please bring a dish to pass. 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 – Wednesday at 6:30pm

ADVENT FESTIVAL - We will be having our annual Advent Festival next 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. No FOCUS this Wednesday (November 23). FOCUS will resume November 30 and will be serving chicken tenders.

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 – dclidgard@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 21, 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.

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!

Missionary Christmas cards - Want to send our Missionaries in the field a reminder of our love and appreciation for them this Christmas season? Our Missionaries often tell us how meaningful the Christmas cards are that they receive from First Church every year. There is a list of our missionaries in your mailslot. Please use this to label your cards and place them in the mailbox next to the congregation mailboxes by Wednesday, December 7th.

Family at Home Christmas Cards - Sharing the joy of Christmas with our Family at Home members is a gift you can give them by sending a card. Knowing their church family remembers them during this season is truly a gift. Simply write the member's name on the envelope. You can find a list of the Family at Home members in your mailslot. Maybe add a personal note to your card and sign your name. These cards can be dropped in the basket in the Activity Center by December 14.

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:

- **Vern Hoffman**, dealing with arthritis.
- **Maria Oskam**, undergoing further testing and awaiting surgery.
- **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.
- **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: Mike Longcore, Ev Lindhout, Jeff Muller, Wayne Veneklasen, Terry Jolink, Joyce VanderMarkt, Doug Hunderman, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Trent Balley, Sydney & Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

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, 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, Pastor Melanie Kilgore – 269-330-0155 or consistory vice president Bob Stelma - 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.