

January 8, 2023

Epiphany, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship: *Holy is the Lord*

*The Greeting

*Worship Set: *Great Are You Lord
I Exalt Thee*

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Song of Worship

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

Message: "Preparing for Salvation"

Scripture Exodus 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayers

Song *Star of Wonder*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Communion Offering

Prayer for Congregation

Announcements

Final Song *Mighty to Save
Doxology*

Benediction

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgists – Jon Hull & Reid Dykstra; Pianist/Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Worship Leader – Pastor Melanie Kilgore; Praise Team; Choir Director – Rick Gossett; Pianist – Rhonda Talsma; Chancel Choir

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Jan. 1 Collection Plate \$ 7,762.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,252.00

Total Offering: \$ 10,014.00

Average weekly offering needed
to make 2023 budget \$ 17,493.00

2023 Annual budget \$909,683.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

WELCOME to 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 from Exodus 2:1-10 titled "Preparing for Salvation." 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.

NEXT WEEK: We will continue our series on the book of Exodus. Jeff Watson will bring the message from Exodus 3:1-15 titled "The Lord of Salvation."

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Jeff Watson - 616-250-7148, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189, Melanie Kilgore - 269-330-0155 or consistory Vice President Bob Stelma – 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.

TODAY at FRC

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 downstairs 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.

Adult Sunday School - Pastor Jeff will be teaching about his time in Israel in the upstairs Adult Ed Room at 11:00am.

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. Contact Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.

THANK YOU...

...for the birthday and Christmas cards. **Helen Dertien**

...so very much for Kathy's visit and the lovely plant and cards. I miss you all and my church so much. I'm okay...just tired. **Crystal Baum**

...for your prayers, visits, gifts and Christmas cards that arrived just in time to read them all to Art. We are so grateful for your presence at his funeral, for Mark Davis, the music of Patty Pratt, Rick Gossett and the Esther Circle servers. **The family of Art Tusch**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Bernson	81 on the 2nd
Lois Kosten	86 on the 11th
Marjorie Fisk	88 on the 20th
Don Ferris	87 on the 27th
Fran Rinkus	94 on the 28th



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Phone: 534-5465
Prayer Line: 534-0113

Email: mail@firstgrandville.org
Fax: 534-1185

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle
5:15pm Bells of Joy
7:27pm WyldLife (Young Life for 7th & 8th graders)

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
9:30am Women in the Word
5:30pm FOCUS dinner (baked potato bar) starts followed by children's programming
6:30pm Chancel choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

LOOKING AHEAD

Esther Circle (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) – will be meeting Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30am in the upstairs Adult Ed Room. A warm welcome awaits you for a time of fellowship and an informal Bible study. We will begin our new study titled, Women and Identity. Books will be available if you do not have one. Contact Karen Diekema - 616-644-0820 – with any questions you may have.

Women in the Word - meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -11:00am in the upstairs adult education room. This winter we will be studying the book “Adventurous Prayer”. Books will be available in the church office for \$8. If anyone needs an alternative form of the book we would be happy to assist. Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville Middle School WyldLife – January 10 at 7:27pm in the gym.

January 20-22 is Winter Weekend for 6th, 7th & 8th graders! This is an exciting weekend with lots of fun. We will connect with God through fun games, meaningful songs, and a speaker who gives us messages each day. Sign-ups for Winter Weekend are still open! Cost is \$185. If you need financial assistance, please connect with Jon.

Please sign them up indicating they are coming with First Reformed using this link:

<https://mi225.younglife.events/winter-weekend-wl-2023>

Deadline to sign up for this is January 11, 2023!

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

Hand2hand – Each week we deliver food for 43 kids to Century Park Learning Center so the kids will have food to eat for the weekend. We are receiving non-expired, non-perishable food donations. Items needed are:

popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, raisins, any bagged snack, instant oatmeal, cereal, instant mac 'n cheese.

These items need to be in individual packets. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

Hand2hand packers – We are in need of 4 people to pack backpacks on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the Sign- up Center.

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.

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:

- **Don Ferris**, at Blodgett with a blood clot in his leg.
- **Bob Poll**, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- **Maria Oskam**, recovering from surgery.
- **Dennis Hodges**, recovering from surgery for a mass.
- **Dale Scholtens** (Mary Cook's & Pastor Matt's father), at Mary Free Bed for rehab.
- **Beverly VanDuinen** (Jeff's mom), is under the care of hospice.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- Pray for anyone affected by the different illnesses this season.
- **Continued prayers for: Pat Lantinga, Sue Kehr, Jeff Muller, Ron See, Terry Jolink, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, 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