

January 15, 2023

Epiphany

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude *Panis Angelicus by C. Franck and Ode to Joy*

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship Everlasting God

*The Greeting

*Song of Worship *Be Still My Soul*

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader 1: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

Leader 2: We have wandered from your goodness and your love. We have failed to show your grace to others, and we have failed to honor you.

Congregation: You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways.

Leader 1: You alone know our every thought and action.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader 2: We thank you for your grace and forgiveness.

Leader 1: Thank you for calling us your beloved children.

Congregation: Thank you for never giving up on us.

Leader 2: May our gratitude for your grace and forgiveness motivate us to praise you and honor you with our thoughts, words, and actions.

Congregation: Amen.

*Song of Worship *It is Well*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

Message "God's Identity and Yours"

Scripture Exodus 3:1-15

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 *No Longer Slaves*

Mission Moment

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

*Final Song *The Stand*

*Benediction

Postlude *No Longer Slaves*

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgists –Tony & June Williams; Worship Leader – Pastor Melanie Kilgore; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

Jan. 1 Collection Plate	\$ 7,702.00
Online Giving:	\$ 8,242.00
Total Offering:	\$ 15,944.00

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. 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.

THIS WEEK: Pastor Jeff Watson brings the morning message from Exodus 3:1-15 titled "God's Identity and Yours."

NEXT WEEK: We will continue our series on the book of Exodus. Jeff Watson will bring the message.

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 prayers and cards while I am still recovering. **Maria Oskam**

... A deep and heart-felt THANK YOU to my First Church Family for all the prayers, cards, calls, food, visits and well wishes during my surgery, recovery and ongoing cardiac rehab. The power of prayer is a powerful healing tool and I am truly grateful for all you Prayer Warriors! **Wayne Veneklasen**



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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Phone: 534-5465
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Fax: 534-1185

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:30pm Consistory

TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

9:30am Women in the Word

5:30pm FOCUS dinner (Swedish meatballs) starts followed by children's programming

5:30pm Praise Team

6:30pm Chancel choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

LOOKING AHEAD

Esther Circle - will be meeting Tuesday, February 7, 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 are studying 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 Ed 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 2nd and 4th 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

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. 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>

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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 25, 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**, home recovering from a blood clot in his leg.
- **Bob Poll**, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- **Maria Oskam**, recovering from surgery.
- **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: Ron See, 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

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