

January 22, 2023

Epiphany

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

*Come as You Are*

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

The Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

\*Song of Worship

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*The Greeting

\*Song of Worship

*How Great is our God  
How Great Thou Art*

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

**Congregation: Merciful God, with humble hearts, we confess that we have not loved you with our heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

Leader: In many ways, we have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

**Congregation: Forgive us for the ways we have not represented you well.**

Leader 2: We thank you for your forgiveness and for the gift of baptism. Baptism reminds us that our sins are washed away, that we are united with Christ, and that when you look at us, you see the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through this gift that we are reminded that we are yours and united with you. Help us to never forget this promise.

Baptism of Etta Joy Kilgore

Song of Baptism

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

Message

"Who is the Lord?"

Scripture

Exodus 7:14-18, 10:21-29

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

*Promises*

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

\*Final Song

*Way Maker*

\*Benediction

Postlude:

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Preaching - Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgists - Kevin Meyer; Baptism: Etta Joy Kilgore (daughter of Steven & Melanie Kilgore), Worship Leader - Pastor Melanie Kilgore; Praise Team, Speaker - Pastor Matt Cook

**Please follow our church social media pages:**

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

**Stewardship Update:**

Jan. 15 Collection Plate	\$ 26,675.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,832.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 29,507.00

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 7:14-18, 10:21-29 titled "Who is the Lord?" Pastor Melanie and Steve Kilgore's daughter, Etta Joy, will be baptized today.

**NEXT WEEK:** We will continue our series on the book of Exodus. Pastor Melanie will bring the message from Exodus 14 titled "Delivered Out of Darkness."

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet in the downstairs assembly room
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades meet in room #113 north

**No Middle School** (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** today.

**No Adult Sunday School today** – we will meet next week, January 29.

**No Middle School Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym.

**High School Youth Group** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Gym. Contact Jon Hull – [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Zomerlei	86 on the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Dan Wolma	80 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Alice Karsten	87 on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Dick Robinson	81 on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Verburg	84 on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Leah Brinks	85 on the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Carolyn Cole	83 on the 29 <sup>th</sup>



# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

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## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy

### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

9:30am Women in the Word

5:30pm FOCUS dinner (Breakfast) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**February 10-12 is Spring Hill Weekend** for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders! Contact Jon Hull for more details. jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686

**Grandville High School Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) - Monday, January 23, 7:30pm, skating party at Kentwood Fun Spot, 14 52<sup>nd</sup> St., SE, Grand Rapids. \$8 for skate and rentals, \$5 extra if you want roller blades.

**Grandville Middle School WyldLife** - February 14, 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

**Calling All Musicians** - if you or child can play an instrument and would be interested in participating in worship in some way (Praise Team, ensembles, solos, etc), please contact Melanie ([melanie@firstgrandville.org](mailto:melanie@firstgrandville.org)).

**Volunteers** - The Bible for Mission Thrift Store is in need of volunteers. Contact Barb VanderHeide - 616-531-1683 if interested.

**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!

**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.

## 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:

- **Roy DeJonge** remains hospitalized and will be moving to Mary Free Bed.
- **Sue Kehr** is dealing with back pain and seeking treatment options.
- **Maria Oskam**, recovering from surgery.
- **Dale Scholtens** (Mary Cook's & Pastor Matt's father) is at home and continuing rehab.
- **Scott Kehr** (Randy & Sue Kehr's nephew) is healing after a kidney transplant.
- **David Kehr** (Randy & Suek Kehr's cousin) is recovering from a major stroke after brain surgery.
- **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: Don Ferris, Ron See, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Sydney & Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

### We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **Gerardo & Lia VacaGuzman & family**, at the death of Lila's mother, Rose Bleyenbergh, on January 13.

### 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, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei