

February 12, 2023

Epiphany

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Voluntary
To God Be The Glory*

Stanley
Doane, arr. Birchwood

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship

Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

*The Greeting

*Song of Worship

Open the Eyes of My Heart

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

All: Dear Father, for the times we have caused hurt, for the times we have rejected others, for the times we have condemned others, forgive us we pray. Wash us clean, so that we may learn to be your loving people. Thank you for holding us and the whole world in your hands. Amen.

Leader: Our good news is this, the steadfast love of God never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness.

Songs of Response

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord
I Love You Lord with Lord of the Universe*

*The Apostle's Creed

*Songs of Worship

*Because We Believe
My Savior's Love*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Message

"Under the Chuppah"

Scripture- Exodus 19:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayers

Song

This Is My Father's World

Traditional/ arr. Rice

*Final Song

We Receive Your Blessing

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

*Benediction

Postlude

My Soul, The King of Heaven

Goss/arr. Smith

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Jeff Watson; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Worship Leader – Barb Nienhuis; Praise Team; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Youth Choir; Youth Choir Director – Barb Nienhuis; Youth Choir Accompanist – Barbara Gossett

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

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| Feb. 5 Collection Plate | \$ 8,260.00 |
| Online Giving: | <u>\$ 4,591.00</u> |
| Total Offering: | \$ 12,851.00 |

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| 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. **FOR KIDS** - Kid's Worship bags and Sweet Reward papers are available as you enter the Sanctuary. We invite children to use these to engage with our worship service. Completed Sweet Reward papers can be turned in at the Welcome Desk for a sweet reward.

THIS WEEK: Pastor Jeff Watson brings the morning message from Exodus 19:1-9 titled "Under the Chuppah."

NEXT WEEK: Jeff Muller will be giving his testimony titled "From Miserable to Miracle".

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

No Middle School & High School (6th - 12th grades) Sunday School.

No Middle School & High School Youth Group TODAY.

Elders

Chris Bajema
Paul Brinks
Steve DeVette
Kim Donze
Kathy Geurink
Jan Hodges

Chad Holleman
Sue Plasman
Heidi Smitley
Bob Stelma
Linda Timmerman
Val Westrick

Deacons

Kim Brinks
Mark Donker
Jen Dykstra
Ron Hasper
Rebecca Hollen
Bryce Lutke

Anne Potyraj
Justin Stadt
Laura VanHekken
Dan Venema
Tony Williams
Mattie Wolford

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.



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Phone: 534-5465
Prayer Line: 534-0113

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

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!

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.

Housing need - Grandville United Methodist Church is hosting Grove City College's (PA) Touring Choir for an evening concert on Monday, March 6, at 7pm. Pastor Ryan Wieland and our congregation wish to invite our neighbors to this evening of music. There is no fee to attend. This choir of talented college-aged students regularly tour different states during their spring break from studies. My wife and I are alumni of Grove City College; therefore, we decided to offer to have the choir come to Grandville, MI this year.

In order to make this tour happen, the choir has requested overnight housing at every stop along their way. I am looking for additional people with the spiritual gift of hospitality who might be willing to open their homes to these students (22 women and 21 men) for one night. We are short with people able to help from our congregation. Anyone interested may respond to me directly at the phone or email below. The students would need to be picked up after the concert and provided with a place to sleep on Monday evening. Hosts would be asked to provide the students breakfast, and then drop them off at Grandville United Methodist Church on Tuesday morning by 8:30am in order for them to load their busses to continue their tour. Please contact me with any questions.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy
7:27pm WyldLife

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
9:30am Women in the Word
5:30pm FOCUS dinner (Taco fiesta fundraiser) starts followed by children's programming
5:30pm Praise Team
6:30pm Chancel choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville High School Young Life (9th-12th grades) – Monday, February 13, at 7:27pm. Contact Jon Hull - jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.

Grandville Middle School WyldLife (7th & 8th grades)- February 14, 7:27pm, in the Youth Gym.

Youth Mission Trip fundraisers

Pop Can Drive - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans. We have a lot of pop cans that need to be recycled. If you would like to return cans to put money in your student's youth account for future trips, contact Jon Hull - jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

Taco Fiesta – Wednesday, February 15, at 5:30pm the youth will be serving dinner as a fundraiser for their upcoming mission trip.

College Scholarships: Scholarship forms are available in the office or online. These are for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2023. They are due in the office no later than **Friday, April 14, at noon.**

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** is at home and continuing to recover.
- **Sue Kehr** is dealing with back pain and awaiting further tests.
- **Fred Henderson** has been diagnosed with cancer and is under the care of hospice.
- **Jan Scovel** is awaiting a needle biopsy after they discovered 3 nodes on her thyroid.
- **Dan Cole** is at home under the care of hospice after a 12 year battle with cancer.
- **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: Maria Oskam, Ron See, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Scott Kehr, David Kehr, Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

We extend Christian Sympathy to:

- **The family and friends of Janet Pofahl**, who passed away on February 7.

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, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei

FAH Birthdays – Feb. 23 - **Bob Verburg** – Rivertown Ridge Memory Care, 3555 Copper River Ave., Wyoming, 49418

THANK YOU...

...to the congregation for all your prayers, cards and visits over the last 41/2 years. Roy is home and receiving outpatient therapy. **Roy & Judy DeJonge**

...for the beautiful encouraging cards. Thank you for Wednesday night dinners. God is so Good! Love to all!

Maria Oskam

LOOKING AHEAD

Meet & Greet - If you are new to our church, or have been visiting for awhile and would like a chance to get to know the FRC staff (and for us to get to know you) please join us Sunday, February 26, following worship in the Parlor for coffee and donuts.

Inquirer's class - An Inquirer's Class is planned for March 12 and 19 (two weeks) taught by Pastor Jeff for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. (Class held on Sundays at 11:00 in Pastor Jeff's office). Please email deb@firstgrandville.org if you would like to attend.

Ultimate Date Night - The *Ultimate Date Night* with Jay and Laura Laffoon is coming to our church on Saturday, March 11, from 6- 7:30pm. At The *Ultimate Date Night* not only will couples engage with their spouse through laughter and music, they will be energized and inspired by thought-provoking content. And in the end, will come away from the experience with practical tools they can use immediately in their relationship.

So why not take this opportunity? We promise you and your spouse will enjoy a memorable night out and you'll come away with ways to grow as a couple. You can purchase tickets after church starting today in the Activity Center. \$30 a couple. Friends and family are welcome too.

Volunteers NEEDED - The planning committee for Ultimate Date Night is looking for 10-12 volunteer couples to promote and help at the event. Volunteers will receive complimentary tickets to attend the event too! Please sign up outside the Fellowship Room. Questions? Email heidi_smitley@hotmail.com or steph.holleman@gmail.com.

New Directory Coming! You will notice in your mailslots that you have received a slip of paper with your current directory listing (complete with the picture we have on file for you, if there is a picture). Please check the information on that slip of paper and make corrections for the new directory. If you are pleased with the picture we have on file, we can use that picture again. If you would like a different picture, you have two options: submit a new picture, OR stop at the Welcome Desk and we will take a new picture of you (beginning on February 12) BEFORE OR AFTER the worship service. Once you have updated the information, please put the slips of paper in the basket at the Welcome Desk labelled New Directory. If you are submitting a picture for the new directory please send in a picture that is taken horizontally and close up! Email the pictures to deb@firstgrandville.org. If we don't hear from you we will assume your information is correct. If you are a new member since 2019 we will need your picture and contact information.

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 - davidlidgard@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.