

February 19, 2023

Epiphany

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

*Just a Closer Walk  
This Little Light of Mine*

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

\*Song of Worship:

*Blessed Assurance*

\*Greeting

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways and forgetting Your love.

**Congregation: Have mercy on us.**

Leader 1: Lord, make us an instrument of Your peace.

**Congregation: Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith.**

Leader 1: Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Lord, may we not only seek to be consoled but to console others.

May we not only seek to be understood but to understand others.

May we not only seek to be loved but to love others.

**Congregation: For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

\*Songs of Worship

*Agnus Dei  
Revelation Song*

\*Congregation & Lord's Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Introduction

Testimony

"From Miserable to Miracle"

Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

Communion

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayers  
Song

*The Blessing*

\*Final Song

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

\*Benediction

Postlude:

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Pastors Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Testimony – Jeff Muller; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink; Worship Leader – Pastor Melanie Kilgore; Praise Team; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp.

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

Facebook: First Reformed Church

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

**NEXT WEEK:** Pastor Jeff Watson will be beginning the I AM's series and his message is from John 6:35-40 titled "The Bread of Life".

## 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

**Middle School & High School** (6th - 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** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym. Snacks provided. Contact Jon Hull - [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information.

**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.

### 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.



Phone: 534-5465  
Prayer Line: 534-0113

Email: [mail@firstgrandville.org](mailto: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 community concert on Monday, March 6 at 7pm. There is no fee to attend. This choir of talented college-aged students regularly tour different states during their spring break.

In order to make this tour happen, we are looking for people to open their homes to these students (22 women and 21 men) for one night. The students need to be picked up after the concert. Hosts will provide the students breakfast and drop them off at Grandville United Methodist Church on Tuesday morning by 8:30am. Please contact Pastor Melanie with any questions.

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

7:27pm

Young Life

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 (Chicken Carbonera)

5:30pm

Praise Team

6:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service

### THURSDAY

9:00am

Zumba

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Grandville High School Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Monday, February 20, at 7:27pm. Contact Jon Hull - [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information.

**Grandville Middle School WyldLife** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)- February 28, 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](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686.

**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:

- **Helen Huizenga** fell and broke her femur.
- **Brian Kehr's** surgery is rescheduled in March.
- **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 test results.
- **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 Turkey and Syria** who were involved in the earthquake.
- 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.**

### 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...

...for the visits, phone calls, cards and Wednesday night meals while we are recovering from our recent health difficulties. **Ron & Sheryl See**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Ash Wednesday Service** - Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on February 22 from 6:30 - 7:00pm. We will begin the Lenten Season together through music, scripture, and art. There will be an opportunity for reflection by the spreading of ashes. This is a family service. There will be no FOCUS programming or choir.

**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 11:00am in Pastor Jeff's office). Please email [deb@firstgrandville.org](mailto: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? You can purchase tickets after the service in the Activity Center. \$30 a couple. Friends and family are welcome too. If you would like to purchase tickets online: go to [firstgrandville.org](http://firstgrandville.org)- click Giving- see UDN on the list to purchase tickets.

**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](mailto:heidi_smitley@hotmail.com) or [steph.holleman@gmail.com](mailto:steph.holleman@gmail.com).

## New Directory Coming!

In your mailslots, 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 to take a new picture of you 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. Submitted pictures should be emailed to [deb@firstgrandville.org](mailto:deb@firstgrandville.org), and should be horizontal close up shots. 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.

**Esther Circle** - will be meeting Tuesday, March 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.

**MegaMen Bible Study** - meets every Wednesday at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. Come enjoy fellowship with other men and dig into the Word, come join us. Contact Dave Lidgard - [dldlgard@hpseagles.net](mailto:dldlgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma - [mstelmau78@yahoo.com](mailto:mstelmau78@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

**Men's Bible Study** - meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 2:30pm 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.