

March 12, 2023

Lent

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

*Greeting

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord says: "Come now, let us set things right, though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool."

Congregation: Let us put away our pride. Let us change our hearts and give up all that is not good within us. Let us love God with all that we are and all that we have.

Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Congregation: In Christ, we are forgiven!

Leader: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

*Songs of Worship

What a Beautiful Name

Break Every Chain

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Lenten Candles & Reading

Sign Language Piece

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Scripture - John 10:7-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"I Am the Door"

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

*Final Song

I Stand Amazed

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

*Benediction

Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors - Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Kevin Meyer; Lenten Readers – Callan Stelma & Ken Vander Heide; Praise Team; Chancel Choir; Chancel Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Chancel Choir Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma

Stewardship Update:

Mar. 5 Collection Plate \$ 10,178.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,708.00

Total Offering: \$ 14,886.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2023 budget \$ 17,493.00

2023 Annual budget \$909,683.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

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 - Pastor Jeff Watson will be sharing from the I AM series and his message will be from John 10:7-10 titled "I Am the Door".

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will be continuing with the I AM series and his message will be from John 10:11-18 titled "The Good Shepherd."

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

Inquirer's Class – This is a 2 week class which will be taught by Pastor Jeff at 11:00am in his office and is for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship.

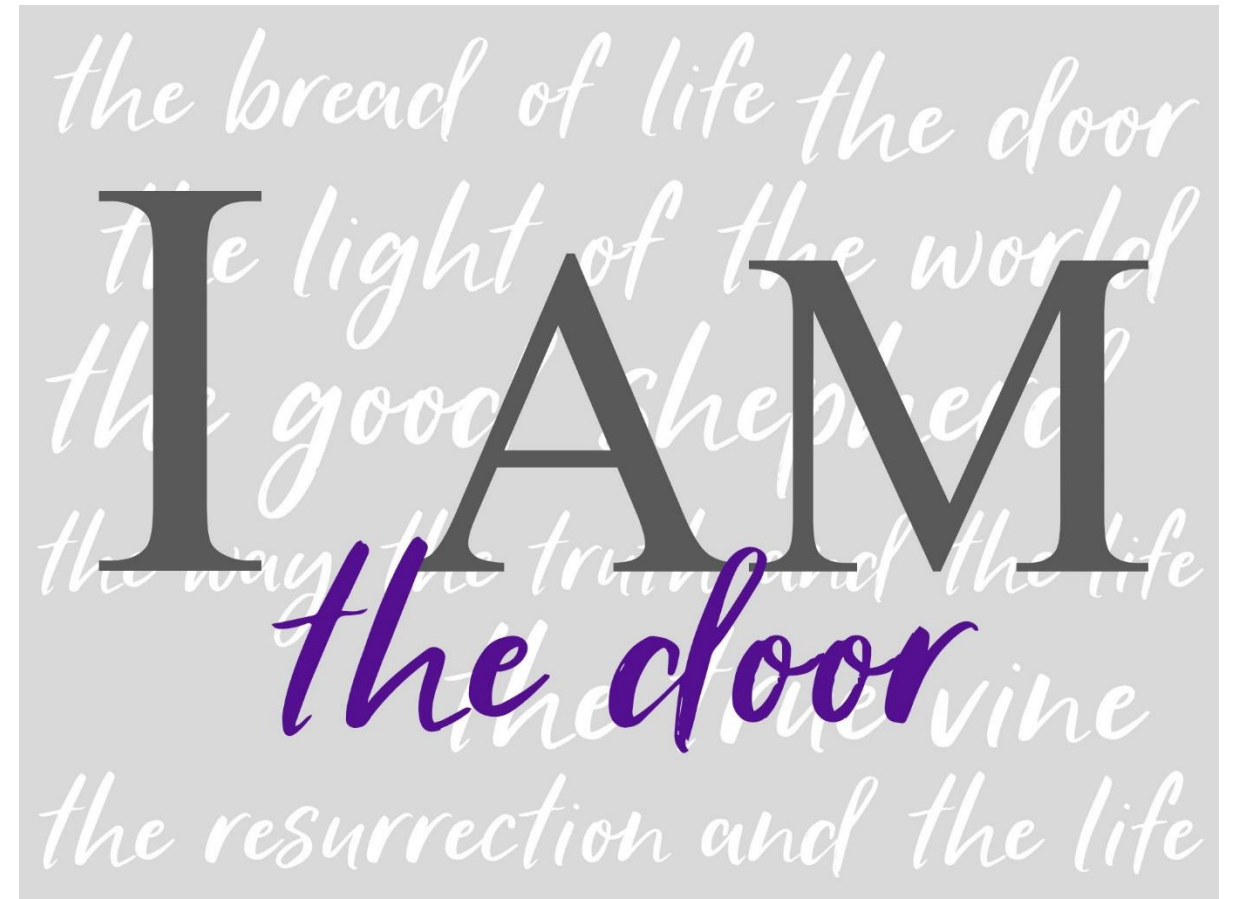
Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym. Snacks provided. Contact Jon Hull - jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) meets at church at 7:00pm to go to The Gathering at Hope College. Please pick up your kids at 10:00pm. Contact Jon Hull - jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.

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
Fax: 534-1185



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

GRANDVILLE, MICHIGAN

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 (Chicken Cordon Bleu) followed by children's programming

5:30pm Praise Team

6:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville High School Young Life (9th-12th grades) - Monday, March 13, at 7:27pm.

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

Grandville Middle School WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) -Tuesday, March 14 at 7:27pm.

Youth Mission Trip fundraisers

Pop Can Drive - There is a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge 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.

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 to the office no later than **Friday, April 14 at noon.**

Young Life Golf Outing – Thursday, May 15, at Thornapple Point. We are in need of golfers and businesses to sponsor. Email grswyl@gmail.com to register and get more information!

LOOKING AHEAD

Memorial Easter Plants - We will purchase potted spring flowers to decorate the church for our Easter worship celebration. You are welcome to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory of a relative or friend or in thanksgiving for a friend or relative. Their name will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. There are forms available at the Sign-up Center, Welcome Desk and the Office to fill out and submit to the office along with \$15 per plant by March 26. After the Easter service, please take your plant home.

Adult Sunday School – Pastor Jeff's next Sunday School class about his trip to Israel is March 26.

Family Game Night - Join us for a Family Game Night on Wednesday, March 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm! We will meet in the gym following the FOCUS dinner. All ages are welcome!

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. Come enjoy fellowship with other men and 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 - meet every 2nd and 4th 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Consistory Nominations - It is time to begin the process of nominating and electing new members for our Consistory. If you know someone who you feel has the gifts for leadership as either an Elder or a Deacon, please place the name of that person in the nominations box located on the table in the Narthex. You may also speak to any member of the nominations committee – Chris Bajema, Jan Hodges, Heidi Smitley, Justin Stadt, Bob Stelma, Laura VanHekken, Dan Venema or Tony Williams. The committee will accept nominations from the congregation through March 15.

Hand2hand - Each week we deliver food for 46 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! We need 4 people to help pack on March 15 and 22 at 6:30pm upstairs in the hand2hand room. Please sign up 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.

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 Alderink** is having an aortic valve replacement on March 16.
- **Sue Kehr** is having surgery to repair 2 broken vertebrae on March 16.
- **Ken Ploeg** is recovering from hip replacement.
- **Helen Huizenga** has moved to rehab to recover from a broken femur.
- **Linda Timmerman** is recovering from eye surgery.
- **Fred Henderson** has been diagnosed with cancer and is under the care of hospice.
- **Dale Scholtens** (Mary & Matt Cook's dad) is hospitalized and dealing with infection.
- **Dan Cole's funeral** will be Monday, March 20 at 2:00pm with visitation one hour prior to the service. There will also be a visitation on Sunday, March 19 at Grandville Cook Funeral Home from 2:00-5:00pm.
- **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, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, 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, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei