

March 19, 2023

Lent

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

*Fairest Lord Jesus  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

\*Song of Worship

*Hear our Praises*

\*Greeting

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. Too often we have followed the desires of our own hearts instead of yours. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done things that we should not have done.

**Congregation: Lord, forgive us. Help us to recognize your voice and follow it. Help us to know you and love you with our hearts, minds and souls.**

Leader: As we turn to the Lord, we find the One who has already turned to us in mercy and who generously pours out grace so that we are restored. For this, we give thanks.

\*Song of Worship

*O Come to the Altar*

Lenten Candles & Reading

Song of Response

*Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer

Scripture - John 10:11-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

"The Good Shepherd"

Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Chancel Choir Anthem

*Every Valley* (Isaiah 40:2-3)

\*Final Song

*Goodness of God*

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

\*Benediction

Postlude

*How Great Thou Art*

*\*All who are able, please stand*

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Pastor Jeff Watson, Pastor Melanie Kilgore, Pastor Matt Cook; Liturgists – Jon Hull; Praise Team; Worship Leader – Ricardo Alfaro; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Lenten Reader – Mary Cook; Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Chancel Choir Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma

**Stewardship Update:**

Mar. 12 Collection Plate	\$ 6,133.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,460.00
Total Offering:	\$ 10,593.00

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 Melanie Kilgore will be continuing with the I AM series and her message will be from John 10:11-18 titled "The Good Shepherd."

**NEXT WEEK** - Pastor Jeff Watson will be continuing with the I AM series and his message will be from John 14:1-6 titled "The Way, The Truth, and The 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

**Inquirer's Class** – Taught by Pastor Jeff at 11:00am in his office. This class 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.

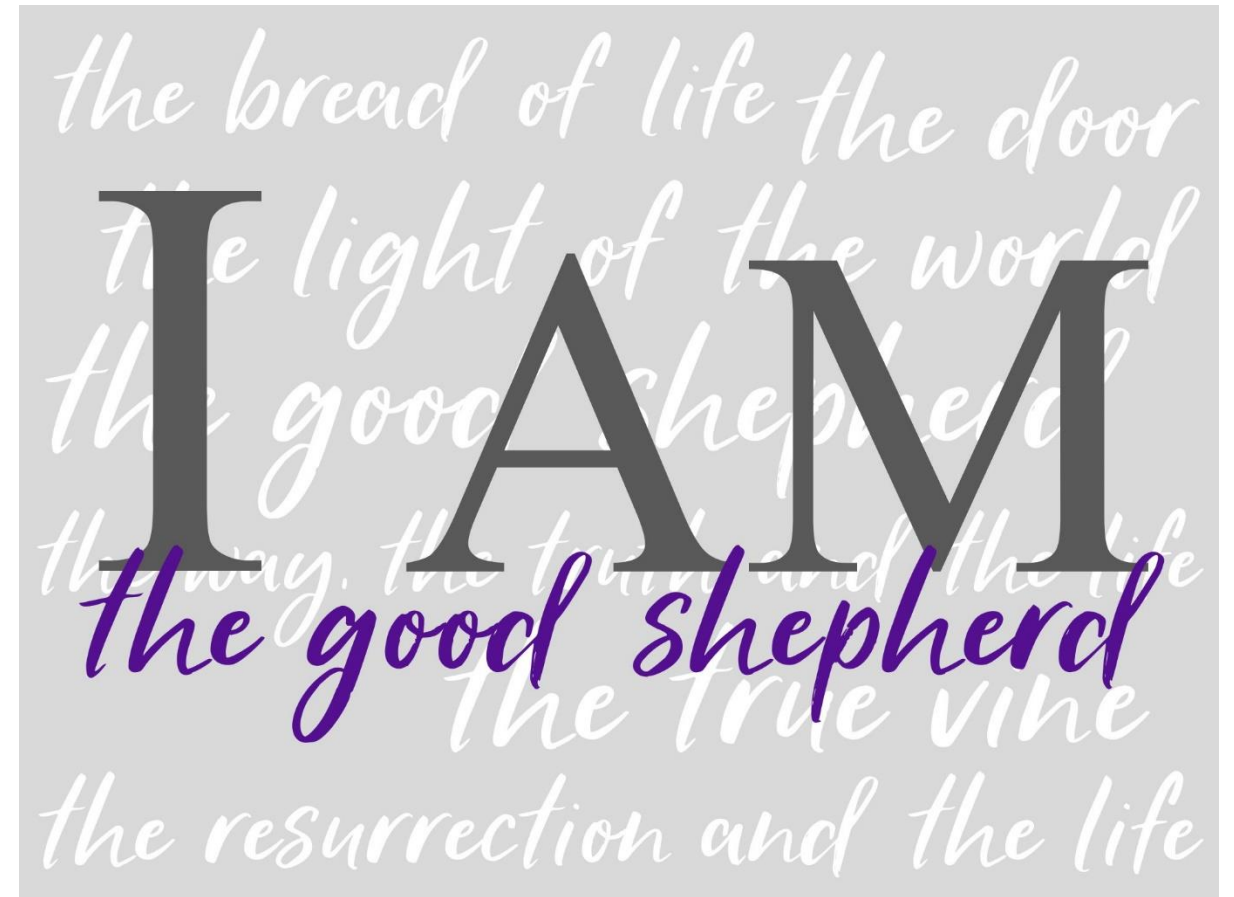
**Middle School Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym. Snacks provided. Contact Jon Hull - [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information.

**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.

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



# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

GRANDVILLE, MICHIGAN

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life  
7:30pm Consistory

### TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy  
6:30pm Praise Team

### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study  
9:30am Women in the Word  
5:30pm FOCUS dinner (Leftover Buffet)  
6:30pm Game Night  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Grandville High School Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Monday, March 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) – Tuesday, March 28 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](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 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](mailto: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 **THIS 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 - [dldgard@hpseagles.net](mailto:dldgard@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.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

**Stamp Ministry** - Did you know that Wycliffe Associates has a Stamp Ministry? They have a dedicated team that trims, sorts, and sells stamps for mission projects. So, please save your cancelled and uncanceled stamps, as well as any stamp collections that you no longer want to donate to WA. There is a box under the mailboxes in the Activity Center for your donations. A flier with more details is in your church mailbox. If you have questions or would like something picked up contact Doris Kuipers – 616-531-8335.

**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 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:**

- **Ali Lutke** is experiencing pregnancy complications.
- **Don Alderink** is recovering from aortic valve replacement.
- **Sue Kehr** is recovering from surgery to repair 2 broken vertebrae.
- **Helen Huizenga** is home rehabbing for a broken femur.
- **Fred Henderson** has been diagnosed with cancer and is under the care of hospice.
- **Dale Scholtens** (Mary & Matt Cook's dad) is home 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

## **THANK YOU...**

...for the cards, prayers, and flowers. It has meant so much to me. **Helen Huizenga**

**Lost & Found** – Black women's gloves. They are in the office.