

March 26, 2023  
Lent

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude  
*Let Us Celebrate the Glories of Our God  
My Tribute*

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

\*Songs of Worship  
*Our God  
Solid Rock*

\*Greeting

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader 1: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Leader 2: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared and honored.

**Congregation: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.**

Leader 1: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.

**Congregation: Renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

Leader 2: We are encouraged by the words of Jesus:

Leader 1: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Leader 2: May those words be our assurance, our foundation, and our comfort as we walk together in faith.

Chancel Choir Anthem  
*You Are the Christ*

Lenten Candles & Reading

\*Song of Worship  
*Lamb of God*

Sign Language Piece

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer

Scripture - John 14:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message  
"The Way, The Truth, The Life"

Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer  
Song  
*What a Beautiful Name*

\*Final Song  
*All Hail Christ*

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

\*Benediction

Postlude  
*Hallelujah, Amen*

*\*All who are able, please stand*

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Tony & June Williams; Lenten Candles – Anna Brown & Kaylee Ritsema; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Prelude Pianist – Barbara Gossett; Praise Team; Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Chancel Choir Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma.

**Stewardship Update:**

Mar. 12 Collection Plate	\$ 7,563.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,493.00
Total Offering:	\$ 12,056.00

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 continuing with the I AM series and his message will be from John 14:1-6 titled "The Way, The Truth, and The Life."

**NEXT WEEK** – Pastor Jeff Watson will be continuing with the I AM series and his message will be from John 15:1-11 titled "The True Vine."

#### **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** (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) **Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. **No Sunday School April 2 and 9.** We will resume April 16.

**Adult Sunday School** – Pastor Jeff will be teaching about his time in Israel in the upstairs Adult Ed Room at 11:00am.

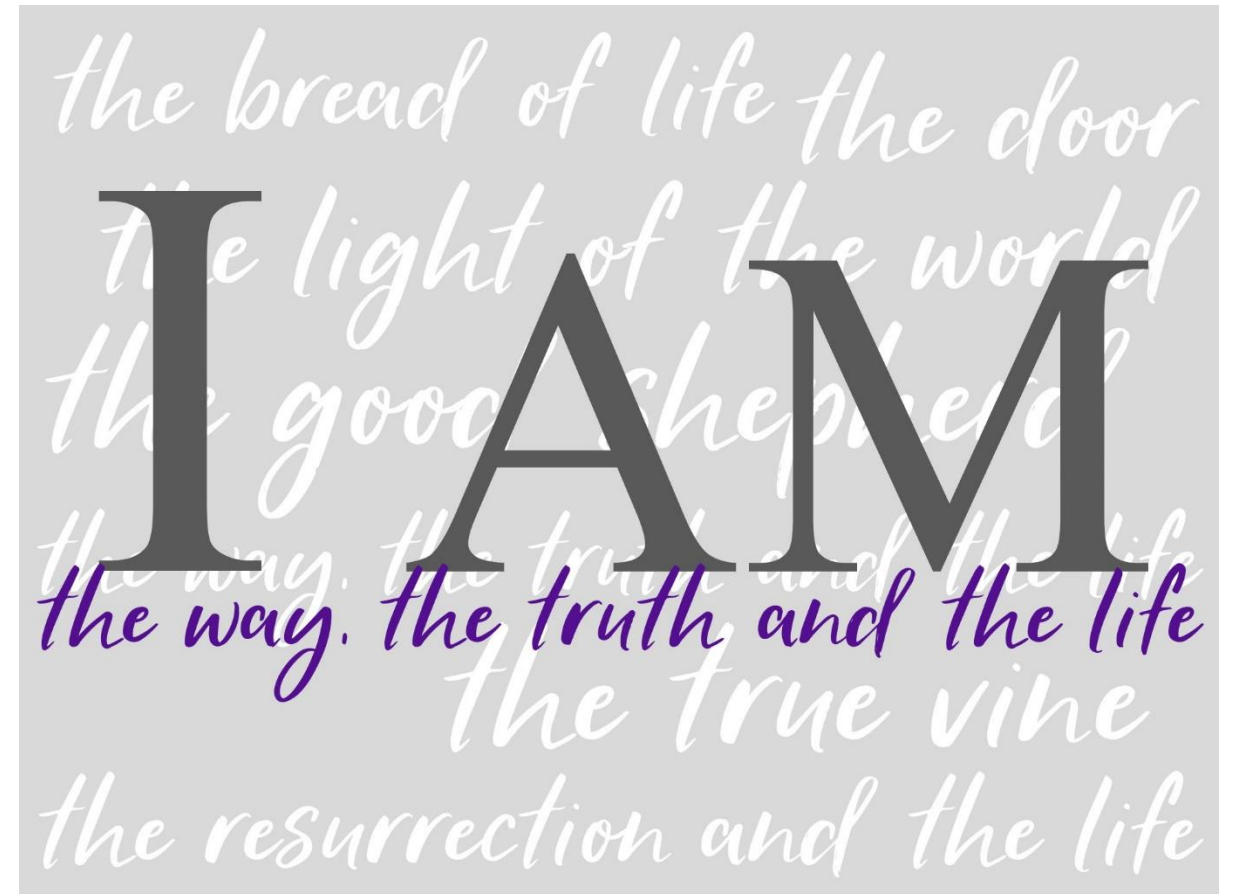
**Middle School Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym. Snacks provided. Contact Jon Hull - [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information. **No Youth Group on April 2 & 9.**

**High School Youth Group** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) from 5:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Gym. Pizza served at 5:30pm, the Poker Run begins at 6:00pm. Contact Jon Hull - [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686 for further information. **No Youth Group April 2 & 9.**

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.

#### **APRIL BIRTHDAY**

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## **FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**

GRANDVILLE, MICHIGAN

MONDAY  
7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY  
5:15pm Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY  
6:00am MegaMen Bible Study  
9:30am Women in the Word  
5:30pm Praise Team  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY  
9:00am Zumba

#### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday Service at 9:30am. Nursery only. No other children’s programming.  
Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00pm. Nursery provided.  
Sunday, April 9 – Easter Worship Service at 9:30am. There will be Children in Worship and Nursery. No Sunday School.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Grandville High School Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Monday, March 27, at 7:27pm at church.  
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!

THIS WEEK

LOOKING AHEAD

**Memorial Easter Plants – TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!** 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. After the Easter service, please take your plant home.

**Esther Circle** - will be meeting Tuesday, April 4, 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. 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 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 home dealing with pre-eclampsia.
- **Larry DeVries** is dealing with health issues.
- **Jim Baer** is having knee replacement on March 27.
- **Carol Stoel** is having eye surgery March 30.
- **Don Alderink** is recovering from aortic valve replacement.
- **Sue Kehr** is recovering from surgery to repair 2 broken vertebrae.
- **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 all the people traveling over Spring Break.
- **Continued prayers for: Helen Huizenga, Maria Oskam, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Dale Scholtens, Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

##### **We Extend our thoughts and prayers to:**

- The **family and friends of Fred Henderson**, who passed away March 21. Funeral arrangements are being made through Cook Funeral Home.

##### **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