

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Festive Processional*
All Glory, Laud & Honor

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

*Greeting

The Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: On Palm Sunday, the people laid down palm branches for Jesus to ride on in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. They praised him as king because they thought he would lead them in their fight against Roman rule. They shouted:

Congregation: Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: We often look to Jesus to change the world to accept us. We should look to Jesus to change us. He doesn't conquer nations, Jesus conquers, and changes, hearts and minds.

Congregation: We pray that Jesus makes a triumphal entry into our lives where he will reign in peace and love.

Leader: Then, the world will be able to see the true King living in triumph in each one of us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Chancel Choir Anthem *Jesus the King*

*Songs of Worship *Crown Him*
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Lenten Candles & Reading

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Scripture – John 15:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message "I Am the True Vine"

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer
Song (organ) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Final Song *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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 – Kathy & Jon Carpenter; Praise Team; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Bells of Joy; Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Chancel Choir Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma.

Stewardship Update:

Mar. 26 Collection Plate	\$ 10,676.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,450.00
Total Offering:	\$ 14,126.00

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 15:1-11 titled "The True Vine."

EASTER SUNDAY NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will be continuing with the I AM series and his message will be from John 11:17-27 titled "I am the Resurrection 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.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th grades) **No Sunday School April 2 and 9.** We will resume April 16.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) **No Youth Group on April 2 & 9.**

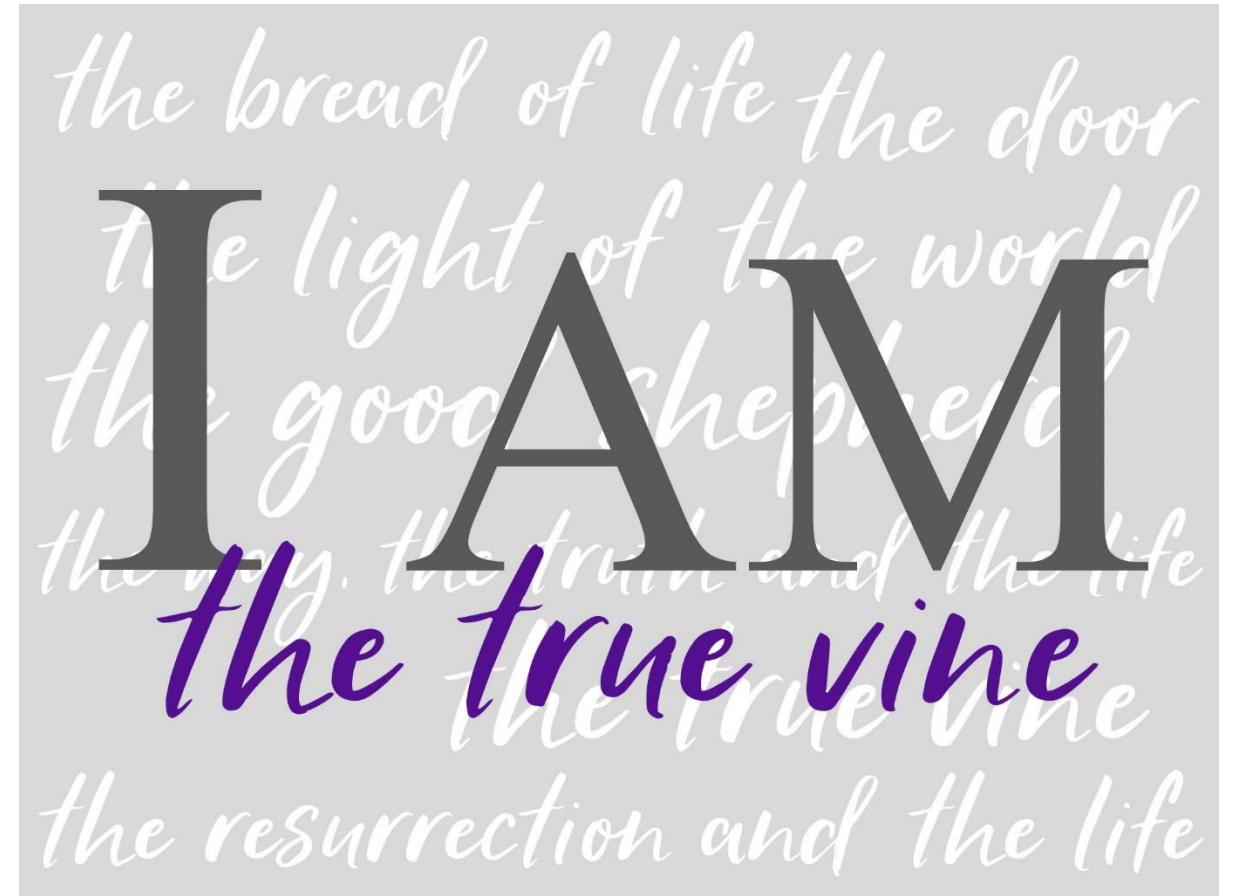
High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) **No Youth Group April 2 & 9.**

Pastor Jeff's final **Sunday school class** on his trip to Israel will be April 23.

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

Ardie Veldsma 86 on the 12th



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SPRING BREAK STAY & PLAY

Sticking around for Spring Break! Join us for an open gym on Wednesday, April 5 from 10am-Noon!

Snack provided.

APRIL 5 | 10AM-NOON | GYM

Office hours – Due to spring break office hours will be limited this week. Please call ahead to make sure someone is available.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle
5:15pm Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
10:00am Spring Break Stay & Play
5:30pm Praise Team
6:30pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service – nursery provided

UPCOMING SERVICES

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 (9th-12th grades) – Monday, April 10.

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

Grandville Middle School WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – Tuesday, April 11 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

Esther Circle - will be this 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. Pastor Matt Cook will be our guest. 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 - 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

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 at Butterworth and will remain there for the rest of her pregnancy.
- **Randy Kehr** is home recovering from a stroke as a result from a car accident which happened a couple weeks ago.
- **Larry DeVries** is dealing with health issues.
- **Jim Baer** is recovering from knee replacement.
- **Carol Stoel** is recovering from eye surgery.
- **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: Don Alderink, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Carson Vis, Dale Scholtens, 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