

April 16, 2023
Eastertide

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song *Build Your Kingdom Here*

*Greeting

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Leader: Almighty God, last week, we celebrated your victory over the grave, and today we commit to doing the work you began. Yet, we recognize that we move on quickly from Easter. We forget the work you have done for us. We forget the work you have called us to.

Congregation: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: In raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death.

Congregation: Forgive us, Lord. Help us to embrace the gift of the resurrection.

Leader: Today we begin anew. The resurrection of Jesus brings us a new start. Today and every day Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed.

*Songs of Worship *Lay Me Down*
Blessed Assurance

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Scripture – John 20:11-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message *He Knows Our Name*

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer
Song *Hymn of Heaven*

*Sending Song *Because He Lives*

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

*Benediction

Postlude *Hymn of Heaven*

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists –Kathy Geurink; Offering song – Pastor Melanie Kilgore, Emily Roth, Stacy Brown; Praise Team; Ukulele Band.

Stewardship Update:

Apr. 9 Collection Plate	\$ 10,918.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,838.00
Total Offering:	\$ 15,756.00

Maundy Thursday Communion:	\$ 918.00
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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 page:

Facebook: First Reformed Church

WELCOME to FRC

We're so glad you're here! May you experience the presence of the Living God. Following the service, join us for coffee time in the room to the left. If you are visiting, feel free to stop by our Welcome Desk near the main entrance. We'd love to connect with you!

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.

Hearing Loop is available for those who need it. Inquire at the Welcome Desk.

THIS WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will begin the I Witness series and his message will be from John 20:11-18 titled “He Knows Our Name.”

NEXT WEEK – We will continue the series – I Witness – and Pastor Jose Rivas’ message is from Luke 24:13-35.

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

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) from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Gym. Contact Jon Hull - jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686 for further information.



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

GRANDVILLE, MICHIGAN

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life
7:30pm Consistory

TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
5:30pm Praise Team
6:30pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grandville High School Young Life (9th-12th grades) – Monday, April 17.

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

Grandville Middle School WydLife (7th & 8th grades) – Tuesday, April 25 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.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

April 23 – Worship Service with La Casa. We will be having a combined worship service with La Casa that morning. La Casa will be serving a meal following the service. Donations for the meal will be given to the La Casa ministry.

Adult Sunday School – Pastor Jeff will be teaching about his time in Israel in the upstairs Adult Ed Room on April 30.

VBS – Join us July 10 – 13 for a Bilingual VBS: Twists and Turns! Kindergarten – 5th grade. More information to come!

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, April 30, following worship in the Parlor for coffee and donuts.

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 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

Meal Train for Bryce & Ali Lutke – If you would like to make a meal for the Lutke family here is the link to sign up – <https://mealtrain.com/9vq7n6>. If you are unable to sign up online, you can sign up at the sign-up center.

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.

Facility Council – The facilities council is looking for new members. To find out more of what they do or if you would like to join contact Ron Hasper – 616-262-5054.

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:

- **Scott Farney** is recovering from knee replacement.
- Bryce & Ali Lutke's baby, **Sophia Wren**, is in NICU doing well. She was born April 5 weighing 3lbs. 5 oz.
- **Larry DeVries** is dealing with health issues.
- **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**.
- **Continued prayers for: Don Alderink, Randy Kehr, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Carson Vis, Dale Scholtens, Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

We Extend Christian Sympathy to:

- The family of **Chris & Kristy VanWingerden**, at the death of Chris' dad, Klaire VanWingerden, on April 12.

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