

April 30, 2023

Eastertide

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude  
*We Have Come to Join in Worship  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

Chancel Choir Anthem  
*Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven*

\*Greeting

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

\*Songs of Worship  
*Come Thou Fount  
This I Believe*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader 1: Sometimes our doubts and fears seem stronger than our hope and faith.

Leader 2: At times we are like Thomas, he believed but he had doubts.

**Congregation: We believe, help our unbelief.**

Leader 1: We can know that we are loved and not condemned just because we have doubts.

Leader 2: Jesus pointed Thomas to the truth.

**Congregation: The Holy Spirit and God's Word point us to the truth.**

Leader 1: Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds.

Leader 2: When Thomas came close to Jesus, God touched his heart. He responded and said:

**Congregation: "My Lord and my God"**

Leader 1: Like Thomas, we believe, yet we have doubts.

Leader 2: Jesus said to Thomas, "You believed because you saw me."

**Congregation: "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."**

Song of Worship  
*Just as I Am*

Prayer

Scripture – John 20:24-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message  
Prayer  
"Dealing With Your Doubt"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer  
Song  
*The Commission*

\*Sending Song  
*My Friends May You Grow in Grace  
Doxology*

Welcome New Members

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Colin & Naomi Diekman; Praise Team; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Chancel Choir Pianist – Rhonda Talsma.

**Stewardship Update:**

Apr. 23 Collection Plate	\$ 8,683.00
Online Giving:	\$ 6,949.00
Total Offering:	\$ 15,632.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2023 budget	\$ 17,493.00
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2023 Annual budget	\$909,683.00
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**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

**WELCOME to FRC**

We're so glad you're here! May you experience the presence of the Living God. We are welcoming new members this morning: Pamela Jackman, Joyce Kingma, David & Nancy Ryskamp, Amy Cyr-Watson, Jeff, Stacy, Xander, Anastasia, Seamus Brown.

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 devices** are available for those who need it. Inquire at the Welcome Desk.

**THIS WEEK** – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the series – I Witness – and his message will be from John 20:24-29 on the eye witness account of the disciple Thomas.

**NEXT WEEK** – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the series – I Witness – and his message will be from John 21:1-19 titled “Redeemed. Restored. Renewed”.

**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

**Donut 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 TODAY following worship in the room outside the Sanctuary doors for coffee and donuts.

**Adult Sunday School** – Pastor Jeff will be teaching about his time in Israel in the upstairs Adult Ed Room TODAY.

**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.

Phone: 534-5465  
Prayer Line: 534-0113

Email: [mail@firstgrandville.org](mailto:mail@firstgrandville.org)  
Fax: 534-1185



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**

GRANDVILLE, MICHIGAN

## 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:

- **Sophie Wren**, Bryce & Ali Lutke's baby, is making gains. She remains in NICU doing well.
- **Larry DeVries** is dealing with health issues.
- Rachel Kallemeyn's dad, **Fred Cizauskas**, is having major foot and ankle surgery on May 2.
- **Beverly VanDuinen** (Jeff's mom) is under the care of hospice.
- **Continued prayers for: Scott Farney, Don Alderink, Randy Kehr, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, 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 my visit with the gal who brought me my Easter plant, and for the gal who made my prayer shawl. God bless you all. **Crystal Baum**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kay Versluis	84 on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Sally Wierda	81 on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Art Meyer	85 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Morehouse	84 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Dottie Cook	86 on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Kay TenHaken	89 on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Style	80 on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Waddell	83 on the 21 <sup>st</sup>
Vern Hoffman	89 on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bernice Grooters	89 on the 24 <sup>th</sup>

Rich & Kay Ten Haken have a new address:  
145 Columbia Ave.  
Apt. #558  
Holland, MI 49423

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life

### TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle

### 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** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Monday, May 1, at the Lauka's: 219 Regal Ct., Grandville. 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, April 25 at 7:27pm.

### Youth Mission Trip fundraisers

**Pop Can Drive** – You can drop off your empty cans in the Youth Lounge. 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.

**Young Life Golf Outing** – Monday, May 15, at Thornapple Point. We need golfers and businesses to sponsor. Email [grswyl@gmail.com](mailto:grswyl@gmail.com) to register and get more information!

**College graduates** - If you have a college graduate and would like their name included in the Graduation Sunday bulletin please email - [deb@firstgrandville.org](mailto:deb@firstgrandville.org) by May 17 with the name, college, and degree.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**May 7** – Last day of programming.

**May 14** – Communion

**May 21** – Congregational meeting following worship.

**May 21** – Graduation Sunday

**June 18** – Ordination/Installation of new elders and deacons.

**Grandville Community Choir** – Everyone is invited to the Grandville Community Choir spring concert tonight here at church at 6:00pm.

**Esther Circle** – will be this Tuesday, May 2, 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. We will be having lunch following at Brann's. Contact Karen Diekema - 616-644-0820 - with any questions you may have.

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

**Cran Hill Camping Weekend** – Our multigenerational church campout is coming quickly at Cran Hill Ranch. We still have open campsites for the weekend of July 14-16, 2023. It is always a great weekend to fellowship with other members of our church - old and young. Cran Hill is located outside of Big Rapids. They have a lake for swimming, kayaking, canoeing and paddle boards, an inflatable water park, and you can float down the nearby river in an inner tube. There is horseback riding and pony rides for the little kids, archery, rock climbing, high ropes course, and disc golf. On Sunday morning, we all meet in the woods for a beautiful church service. If you would like to join us or would like more information on the weekend, please call or text Cheryl DeVries at 616-443-2002 or email me at [youravoncheryl@gmail.com](mailto:youravoncheryl@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma - [mstelmau78@yahoo.com](mailto:mstelmau78@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

#### **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.

**Food Pantry Food Deliverers** – We are in need of a few people to deliver food for our food pantry. If you would like to help out in this way please contact Kelly Kievit.

**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. If you are interested in helping maintain our building and grounds and would like more information, contact Ron Hasper – 616-293-3050.

#### **South Grandville CRC Baby Pantry Ministry - Mother's Day - May 14th**

We have been donating items to this Baby Pantry Ministry every Mother's Day since 2008. South Grandville CRC donates their annual Thanksgiving Food Offerings to our Food Pantry every year. We are invited to partner with them in providing the following items.

**Items needed:** Gently used or new clothing size newborn - 6, Diapers (size 4, 5 and 6 needed the most) and wipes, shampoo, baby wash, sippy cups, receiving blankets, bibs, socks, toys, books, baby furniture (pack 'n play, high chair, no Car seats) etc. There will be a table for your items in the narthex on Mother's Day, May 14th and the Sunday before! Thank you in advance for your contributions. Any questions call Vicky 616-648-0337.

**Wycliffe Associates Stamp Ministry** – Wycliffe Associates has a stamp ministry in which people trim, sort and sell stamps. Believe it or not, there is a market for cancelled stamps. The money generated by these sales is used for translation work around the world. Thank you for serving in the Lord's work through your efforts in saving and cutting (or tearing) stamps off envelopes. The recent donations have been very appreciated. What to Donate: All stamps US and foreign (can be cancelled or uncanceled). Stamp collections that you may wish to donate and postcards. Guidelines: When possible, please leave a ½ inch boarder all around the stamp. Deposit trimmed stamps in the collection container in the Activity Center under the mailboxes. Please call about any stamp collections you may want picked up or other questions. Doris Kuipers 531-8335

**Pine Ridge Mission Trip** – We are planning our annual mission trip to serve the Oglala Lakota people living on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. This is a great opportunity to express the love of Jesus through service and to learn about a culture much different than our own. This year's trip is scheduled for July 15 through July 21. A number of people have already expressed interest in going this year. In order to make this trip affordable for those going, we need to raise approximately \$8,000. In past years, this has been accomplished through donations. If you are interested and willing to help in this manner, or for more information about the trip, please contact Mary Cook (616-295-8568) or Bob Stelma (616-822-3859).

**Hand2Hand** – **THANK YOU** all so much for all your donations and volunteering this past school year! We were able to bless 46 students from Century Park Learning Center this school year! We have enough food to get us to the end of the year but we will start collecting again in August! Thanks again for your generosity!