

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday
Graduate Sunday

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
In Christ Alone
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

Graduate Procession
Pomp and Circumstance

Blessing of Grads

*Song of Worship
Blessed Be Your Name

*Greeting

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Call and Response

Leader: As we learn from scripture, women have long been placed in leadership roles and positions of authority. In the Old Testament we learn of Rahab, Ruth, Naomi, Huldah, Rachel, Hannah, Abigail, Miriam, Deborah, and Esther. The New Testament gives us Mary, mother of Jesus, Mary, sister Martha, Lydia, Lois, Eunice, Mary Magdalene, Pricilla, Phoebe, Salome, Susanna, and Joanna.

In our denomination, the Reformed Church in America, we celebrate 50 years of women's ordination as Elders and Deacons and 45 years of women's ordination as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

In our church, we celebrate the fact that we have women leading our youth ministry, children's education, and music programs. We have women ordained and installed as Deacons, Elders and as minister of the Word and Sacrament.

Congregation: Praise be to God!

*Songs of Worship
Reckless Love
It is Well

Choir Anthem
Let the Alleluias Resound

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Scripture – Acts 1:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message
"Not a Goodbye"

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer
Song
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Sending Song
This I Believe

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

*Benediction

Postlude
With Trumpets and Horns

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Youth Director – Jon Hull; Worship Leader – Ricardo Alfaro; Praise Team; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp, Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Choir Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma; Ukulele Band

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!

Nursery (birth - 4 year olds) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

New Mother's Room - We are excited to announce the opening of a new room for mothers who are looking for a comfortable, private space to tend to the needs of their babies. The new **"Mothers' Room"** is located across from the nursery and is outfitted with rocking chairs and a television to watch the live service.

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 Melanie Kilgore will continue the series – I Witness – and her message will be from Acts 1:1-11 titled “Not a Goodbye”.

Congregational meeting today immediately following the worship service. We will be electing consistory members and have a short meeting.

Elders – Kathy Carpenter, Brian Clark, Lee Cook, Jon Curry, Barb DeYoung, Casey Dutmer, Scott Farney, Duane Frens, Jim Hawken, Susan Kooima, Harold Ludema, Jeff Muller, Pam Ritsema, Ryan Roth, Kim Vaughn

Deacons – Frank Barone, Brian Breuker, Cheryl DeVries, Rich Dragicevich, Zach Kallemeyn, John Kievit, Charlie Kleinheksel, Shannon See, Alex Timmer, Nate VanDyke, Zach VanEck

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the series – I Witness – and his message will be from Acts 2.

Stewardship Update:

May 14 Collection Plate	\$ 11,855.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,593.00
Total Offering:	\$ 15,448.00

May 14 Communion	\$ 1,382.00
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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



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LOOKING AHEAD

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

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies Golf – Ladies golf for this summer begins on Tuesday, May 23. Tee time is 9:00 am at The Pines. Need to be ready to go by 8:45 am. We'd love to have you join us. If you have questions contact Marcie Curnutt – 810-908-3861.

Art in the Park – Join us Tuesday, June 13, from 10:00am - noon for art and fun at the park at Wedgwood Park! This is a great opportunity for fellowship for parents and kids alike! All ages are welcome. Email Madelyn with any questions (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

Young Adult Dinner & Bonfire – Thursday, June 15 @ 6:30pm. If you are between the ages of 20-29 years old, join us for a fajita bar and bonfire at the Smitley house. Friends from outside the church are welcome and encouraged to come as well.

Young Families at Millennium Park – Tuesday, June 27 from 4:30-7:30. Dinner provided.

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

Block Party – VBS will end with a Block Party on Thursday, July 13, 6:30-8:00pm. Cookout, water games, and fun! All invited!

Cran Hill Camping Weekend – July 14-16, 2023 - 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.

Grandville Serve Day - Wednesday, August 2- This church wide event is a day filled with a variety of opportunities to serve our neighbors and community. Mark your calendars! More details to come.

All Church Whitecaps game – Sunday, August 20 at 2:00pm. Details to come.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Directories – The new church directories can be found in your mail slots in the Activity Center. The newly printed directories are meant to be put in the binders that you received with our last directory printed in 2019. If you need a binder, you can get one at the Welcome Desk on Sundays. The first page is to be used as a cover page for the outside of the binder. For the newer members, you will find a binder in your mail slot.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

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 - dldidgard@hpseagles.net or Bob Stelma - mstelmau78@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Youth 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 or 517-803-5686.

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 now home with a feeding tube.
- **Carol Jolink** is recovering from eye surgery.
- **Karin Dykstra** is home and being treated for multiple viruses and breathing issues.
- **Bob Waters** is hospitalized with immunotherapy complications.
- **Beverly VanDuinen** (Jeff's mom) is under the care of hospice.
- **Continued prayers for: Larry DeVries, Don Alderink, Randy Kehr, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Ellie Hollen, Bob Waters, Kathy VanRiper.**

Congratulations to:

- **Cole & Lexi Miller** had a baby boy, Crew Allen, on May 13.
- **Dan & Erica Pastoor** had a baby boy, Hendrik Scott Gerard, on May 5.

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

2023 COLLEGE GRADUATE

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