

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship

Build Your Kingdom Here

*Greeting

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

*Songs of Worship

King of Kings
Spirit of the Living God

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: God of the covenant, we confess that we have failed to live up to our side of the agreement with you and with one another. We often worship other gods of our own creation: money, power, greed, convenience, individuality. We choose to serve our own self-interests instead of serving you and your kingdom. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, we even neglect to rightly love ourselves.

Congregation: Forgive us, merciful God, and bring us back into the fullness of relationship with you and one another.

Leader: Teach us to no longer seek after the things that will destroy us. Empty us of our selfish desires and fill us with a desire for you.

Congregation: Fill us with the power of your Spirit so that we are empowered to live more like you. Amen

Leader: Hear the good news! All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowing from within, streams of refreshing and of power. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.

Drama

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Scripture – Acts 2:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Kingdom Here and Now”

Dance

“Holy Spirit”

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song

Lord's Prayer

Needs of the Congregation

Announcements

*Sending Song

I Surrender All

*Benediction

Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Kevin Meyer; Praise Team; Drama: Peter – Jon Hull, Jesus – Bill Smitley; Dance: Pastor Melanie Kilgore, Annie Venema, Anna Brown & June Williams

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 Jeff Watson will continue the series – I Witness – and his message will be from Acts 2:1-13 titled “The Kingdom Here and Now.”

THIS WEEK

MONDAY Office closed

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

5:30pm Praise Team

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

NEXT WEEK – We will start a new sermon series “Stories with Purpose.” Pastor Jeff Watson’s message will come from Matthew 13:3-17 titled “The Sower.”

Our newly elected Elders for 2023-2026 are Lee Cook, Jon Curry, Jim Hawken, and Harold Ludema. Our newly elected Deacons for 2023-2026 are Brian Breuker, Rich Dragicevich, John Kievit, and Zach VanEck. These leaders will be ordained and installed on June 18 during worship. Thank you for upholding them in your prayers!

Stewardship Update:

May 21 Collection Plate	\$ 8,253.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,316.00
Total Offering:	\$ 13,569.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2023 budget	\$ 17,493.00
2023 Annual budget	\$909,683.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jim Kuiper	85 on the 3 rd
Mary Lou Besteman	82 on the 4 th
Cecilia Brower	80 on the 8 th
Clark Matthews	85 on the 9 th
Helen Huizenga	95 on the 19 th
Joan Koster	90 on the 19 th
Myrt Manders	81 on the 21 st
Bob Schuitman	83 on the 25 th
Jack DeRuyter	80 on the 26 th
Ruth Plaggemars	83 on the 29 th

LOOKING AHEAD

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

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies Golf – Ladies, you are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings for 9 holes of golf! Tee time is 9:00am 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 are 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 - dlidgard@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:

- **Barbara Gossett** is having intestinal surgery May 31.
- **Karin Dykstra** is home continuing to recover.
- **John Scovel**, Don Scovels son, is having knee replacement June 8 without pain meds.
- **Tony Shuck**, Betty Isenga's grandson, who is in Guam, which has been hit by a typhoon.
- **Bob Waters** is home continuing to deal 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.

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...

...God is always faithful and he works in remarkable ways! Due to the generosity of your congregation we never have to say no to anyone who is in need! Thank you so much for your donations of the many wonderful items to our Baby Pantry! Many moms, children and families will be blessed!

Baby Pantry Ministry - South Grandville CRC