

Welcome to Worship
July 2, 2023

Prelude *Firework Music*

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship *Ancient of Days*

*Greeting

Reader 1: Seeking One, you are the beginning and the end of our search.

Reader 2: Finding One, you are the alpha and omega of all discovery.

Reader 1: Asking One, you are the voice and the silence of our exploration.

Reader 2: Giving One, you are the fullness and the emptiness of all yearning.

Reader 1: Persistent One, you never abandon your search for us, nor tire of our comings and goings.

Reader 2: Receiving One, you endlessly welcome us home, and spread before us a feast in the face of our constant requests for mere morsels of bread.

Congregation: Search us, O God, and find within us the secrets we hide. Ask us, O God, and receive from within us the pain we bear.

Reader 1: Keep knocking at the door of our lives until we open our wills to your purpose, our lives to your life, and our yearning to your hope.

Reader 2: When we forget to seek you and discover that we have lost our place:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Reader 1: When we ask once and leave it at that:

Congregation: Christ, have mercy.

Reader 2: When we draw back from knocking, lest we disturb you:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Reader 1: Strengthen our courage; bolster our endurance; spur us onward in your way in our world through the power of the Holy Spirit and the name of Christ. Amen.

*Songs of Worship *Lord I Need You*
Great Are You Lord

Scripture – Luke 11:5-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message “Ask, Seek, Knock”

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song *I Surrender All*

Announcements

*Sending Song *Lord You Are Good*

*Blessing

Postlude *God of our Fathers*

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgist – Tony & June Williams; Worship Leader – Ricardo Alfaro; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Scripture Reader – Emily Nisper

WELCOME to FRC

We're so glad you're here! May you experience the presence of the Living God. If you are visiting, welcome! There are guest cards in the pews you can complete and put in the offering plate. Also feel free to stop by our Welcome Desk near the main entrance. We'd love to connect with you! Following the service, join us for coffee time in the Activity Center.

Nursery available for birth - 4 year olds.

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.

Mother’s Room – The "Mothers' Room" is located across from the nursery and is a comfortable, private space to tend to the needs of babies and watch the live service.

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

THIS WEEK – Pastor Melanie Kilgore will continue the series “Stories with Purpose.” Her message will be from Luke 11:5-13 titled “Ask, Seek, Knock.” Pastor Jeff Watson will be on vacation June 29-July 7. The office will be closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 with limited hours the rest of the week.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office closed

TUESDAY

Office closed

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

5:30pm Praise Team

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

4:30pm High School Youth Group Lake Day

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue with the sermon series “Stories with Purpose.” The message will come from Matthew 25:14-30 titled, “Hidden Value.”

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, July 9 – Sunday School for K – 5th grade

Tuesday, July 11 – Prayer Walk at church

Tuesday, July 18 – Art in the Park at Heritage Park

Wednesday, August 2 – Grandville Serve Day

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

VBS – Join us July 10-13 for a Bilingual VBS: Twists and Turns! Kindergarten-5th grade. QR Code to pre-register



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

Young Families at Millennium Park – has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, July 18** from 4:30-7:30. We will meet at the pavilion on the right after entering the park. Events will be planned from 4:30-7:30. Pizza and drinks will be provided at 5:30pm. If you would like to use the beach area and splashpad, the cost is \$4/adult and \$2/child. Under 2 years old are free.

Art in the Park – Join us Tuesday, July 18, from 10:00am-noon for art and fun at Heritage Park! This is a great opportunity for fellowship for parents and kids alike! All ages are welcome. Questions: Email Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

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. Tickets are \$16. Kids under 2 are free.

A sign up sheet is located at the sign-up center. You can turn in your money to Jeff VanDuinen's mailslot in the office or use the QR code to pay online. Money is due by July 20.



YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Middle School (6th-8th grades)

August 10 – Craig's Cruisers

August 14 – Bonfire – location TBD

High School (9th-12th grades)

July 17 – Pickleball Tournament – in the Youth Gym

July 25-30 – Work Crew at Timberwolf Lake Young Life Camp

August 14 – Bonfire – location TBD

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. Questions: Dave Lidgard - dlidgard@hpseagles.net or Bob Stelma - mstelmau78@yahoo.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Donations for Cran Hill Camping – We are so excited for our church campout this year! We have 11 families joining us from La Casa this year! Some of them have never been camping before so we need the congregation's help. We are looking to borrow 5 tents and 15 sleeping bags! If you have any that you will not be using the weekend of July 14-16th, we would be happy to pick them up from you or they can be dropped off at church. If you can help us out, please call or text Cheryl DeVries 616-443-2002 or Tony Williams 616-970-2221.

Back to School Donations – We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for students at Century Park Elementary and Grandville Middle School. Lists of items needed are listed in the bulletin insert and on the tables in the narthex. Bags will be packed during our Serve Day on August 2.

Meal Train for the Farney's – Congratulations to Garrett & Kenzie Farney who had a baby girl, Breslyn Jane, born June 1. If you would like to bring them a meal you can sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/6v14wz>

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.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

Invitation to all singers – the Chancel Choir will have a Y'all Come Choir sing in the service on August 27. The music is called "Gospelfest." It's a fun setting of three old gospel favorites. We will have a read-through and rehearsal of the piece after the service in the music room on Sunday, August 20. Then it will be special music on the 27th. If you've done a Hallelujah Chorus with us, you are invited! If you wish you had done a Hallelujah Chorus with us, you are also invited. If you are undecided, there are copies of the music in Rick Gossett's mailbox to look one over. Questions: Rick Gossett - rickthetenor@proton.me

THANK YOU...

...for all the birthday wishes. **Helen Huizenga & Jack DeRuyter**

... to our wonderful church family for all your prayers and cards and all the love during my recent surgeries. You are truly a caring family. **Carol Jolink**

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:

- **Brian Kehr** is recovering from back procedure which went well.
- **Suzanne Cole** (former leader of Anna Circle), is having serious health problems.
- **Pray for rain!**
- **Continued prayers for: Don Alderink, Randy Kehr, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Karin Dykstra, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Bob Waters.**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

- **Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **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

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK SUPPLY LIST:

- Backpacks
- Sharpened Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers (large size)
- Notebooks
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Markers
- Pens
- Wired Headphones/Child Ear Buds
- Large Glue Stick
- Yellow Sticky Notes
- Pencil Box/Bag

- Kleenex Boxes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Quart Size Ziplocks
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Kids and Adult Scissors
- Bottle of Glue
- Colored Pencils
- 2 Pocket Folders

You can give a **monetary donation** to the office or online (“other” category).

Questions? Melanie – melanie@firstgrandville.org

