

Welcome to Worship
July 16, 2023

Prelude

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship

Blessed Be Your Name

*Greeting

Congregation: Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that each day we can grow more into the image of Christ.

Leader: We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to exclude people than to accept those who don't look like we look, act like we act, or think the way we think. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

Congregation: We believe that you have the power to turn us around and transform our lives.

Leader: We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. We are Your workmanship. You have created us in beauty and called us to do good works. You have prepared many ways for us to do your work, and for that, we give you thanks.

*Songs of Worship

This is My Father's World
Goodness of God

Scripture – Matthew 25:14-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Parable of the Talents"

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song

Graves into Gardens

Announcements

*Sending Song

10,000 Reasons

*Blessing

Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter; Scripture Reader – Mattie Wolford

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 Jeff Watson will continue the series “Stories with Purpose.” His message will be from Matthew 25:14-30 titled “Parable of the Talents.”

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

5:30-7:30pm High School pickleball tournament

6:15pm Men’s softball game at Hughes Park

TUESDAY

10:00-noon Art in the Park at Heritage Park

4:30-7:30pm Young families at Millennium Park

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

5:30pm Praise Team

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue with the sermon series “Stories with Purpose.” The message will come from Luke 15:11-32 titled, “The Prodigal Son.”

Consistory officers for 2023-2024:

Lee Cook – Vice President

Sue Plasman – Clerk

Mark Donker – Treasurer

Kim Brinks – Chair of Deacons

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Jeff Watson - 616-250-7148, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189, Melanie Kilgore - 269-330-0155 or consistory Vice President Lee Cook – 616-46-7880, or any of the other elders.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, July 30 – Sunday School for K – 5th grade

Wednesday, August 2 – Grandville Serve Day

Sunday, August 20 – All Church Whitecaps game

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Young Families at Millennium Park – this 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, All Day! Join us as we serve our community and love our neighbors. We have a variety of opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels. Sign-ups are now open at the Sign-up Center. Signing up early will help us to plan our event well. Questions: Email Pastor Melanie (melanie@firstgrandville.org).

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 VanDuijn's mailslot in the office or use the QR code to pay online. Money is due by July 20.



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.

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

Craig's Cruisers – There is a middle school outing on August 10 to Craig's Cruisers! We will leave church at 4:30pm on the church bus and get back to the church at 7:30. As always, friends are welcome, and incoming 6th graders to graduated 8th graders are also welcome. Please RSVP ASAP to Jon Hull so we can get a number to Craig's Cruisers and pay for our spot! jon@firstgrandville.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

August 2 Serve Day – Join us as we serve our community and love our neighbors. The bulletin insert includes a list of serving opportunities planned throughout the day for a variety of ages and skill levels. Sign up at the Sign-up Center. Questions? Contact Pastor Melanie at melanie@firstgrandville.org

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. "Gospelfest" will be the special music on the 27th. Music copies are available in Rick Gossett's mailbox to look at. Questions: Rick Gossett - rickthetenor@proton.me

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:

- **Larry Kuipers** is having shoulder replacement surgery on July 25.
- **Continued prayers for: Randy Kehr, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Karin Dykstra, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Bob Waters.**

Campers this week:

- Natalie Breuker, Nolan Lauka

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

