

**Welcome to Worship**  
**July 23, 2023**

Prelude *How Great Thou Art/Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

Dance *Battle Belongs*

\*Greeting

\*Songs of Worship *Reckless Love*  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Kids' Choir *Rejoice and Sing*

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture – Luke 15:11-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message *"The Prodigal Son"*

Song of Reflection *Run to the Father*

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song *There is a Fountain*

Announcements

\*Sending Song *Good Good Father*

\*Blessing

Postlude *Make the Sounds of Praise*

*\*All who are able, please stand*

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Saxophone – Jeffrey Allardyce; Pianist for Offertory – Barb Nienhuis; Dancers – Anna Brown, Maddie Mulder, Anna & Claire VanHekken

**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 outside.

**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 Luke 15:11-32 titled “The Prodigal Son.” Pastor Melanie will be on vacation July 23-30.

### **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](mailto:rickthetenor@proton.me)

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **MONDAY**

7:25pm Men's softball game at Sunrise 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 18:9-14 titled, “The Pharisee and Tax Collector.”

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 – 616-446-7880, or any of the other elders.

### **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:**

- **Maria Oskam** is dealing with health concerns.
- **Larry Kuipers** is having shoulder replacement surgery on July 25.
- **Suzanne Cole** (former leader of Anna Circle) is having serious medical issues.
- **Continued prayers for: Randy Kehr, Sue Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Karin Dykstra, Roy DeJonge, Joyce VanderMarkt, Lois Morehouse, Don Alderink, Bob Waters.**

### Campers this week:

- **Henry & Violet Stadt**

### 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

### **THANK YOU...**

...for the cards, gifts, and support for my mom, Kay Mekkes, over her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. **Tim Mekkes**

...for the prayers and cards at the passing of Jeff's mom, Beverly VanDuinen, and Joni's sister, Kathy VanRiper.

### **Jeff & Joni VanDuinen**

### **Stewardship Update:**

July 9 Collection Plate	\$ 6,151.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,449.00
Total Offering:	\$ 11,600.00

July 16 Collection Plate	\$ 11,506.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,885.00
Total Offering:	\$ 14,391.00

Average weekly offering needed

to make 2023 budget \$ 17,493.00

2023 Annual budget \$909,683.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, July 30** – Sunday School for K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Wednesday, August 2** – Grandville Serve Day

**Sunday, August 20** – All Church Whitecaps game

### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 VanDuinen'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](mailto:dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma - [mstelmau78@yahoo.com](mailto:mstelmau78@yahoo.com).

## **YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS**

**Middle School** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

August 10 – Craig's Cruisers

August 14 – Bonfire – location TBD

**High School** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

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 6<sup>th</sup> graders to graduated 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:melanie@firstgrandville.org)

**Back to School Donations** – We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for students at Century Park Elementary and Grandville Middle School. Bags will be packed during our Serve Day on August 2. Donations are being collected on a table in the Narthex. Here is the list of items needed – backpacks, sharpened Ticonderoga #2 pencils, dry erase markers (large size), notebooks, crayons, markers, pens, wired headphones/child ear buds, large glue stick, yellow sticky notes, pencil box/bag, disinfectant wipes, highlighters, rulers, kids and adult scissors, bottles of glue, colored pencils, 2 packet folders. You can give a monetary donation to the office or online (“other” category). Questions? Contact Melanie – [melanie@firstgrandville.org](mailto:melanie@firstgrandville.org).

**Food Pantry Needs** – applesauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, jello, pudding, rice, pancake mix and syrup, crackers. Please leave food in the Activity Center.