

Welcome to Worship
July 30, 2023

Prelude *Behold our God*

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader 1: Welcome this day to the house of our God.

People: We are greeted in peace and in love.

Leader 2: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

People: We worship in hope and with grace.

Leader 1: Welcome this day to our community of faith.

People: We come together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader 2: Friends, let us join our hearts as we worship our God.

Song of Worship *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Greeting

*Songs of Worship *Lord Reign in Me*
We Worship You, O God

Prayer of Adoration

Congregation: Dear Father, we adore you for loving us, in spite of ourselves, and for offering us salvation and eternal life. We come this morning to Your house to worship and adore you through song, through scripture, through prayer and the hearing of Your Word. Open our hearts so we may embrace and follow You in all our ways. Amen

Song of Response *As the Deer*

Scripture – Luke 18:9-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Message “The Pharisee and Tax Collector”

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Announcements

*Sending Song *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*

*Blessing

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Reprise)*

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Colin & Naomi Diekman; Worship Leader – Barb Nienhuis; Saxophonist – Jeffrey Allardyce; Organist – Nancy Ryskamp

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 in the Activity Center.

Nursery available for birth – 4 year olds.

Kindergarten – 5th grade – Sunday School today during the worship service downstairs.

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 18:9-14 titled "The Pharisee and Tax Collector."

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

All Day Grandville Serve Day
6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
5:30pm Praise Team

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will begin a new sermon series "Rest & Restore." The message will come from Genesis 2:1-3 titled, "Sabbath as Rhythm."

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.

Stewardship Update:

July 23 Collection Plate	\$ 10,226.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,764.00
Total Offering:	\$ 14,990.00

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

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

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.

Online Church Directory – Our new church directory is now online on our website – firstgrandville.org. The password is “firstgrandville”.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, August 2 – Grandville Serve Day

Tuesday, August 8 – Young Adult Dinner & Bonfire

Sunday, August 20 – All Church Whitecaps game

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adult Dinner & Bonfire – Tuesday, August 8 @ 6:30pm. If you are between the ages of 20-29 years old, join us for dinner and a bonfire at the Dykstra's house. Bring your suit if you would like to swim. Friends from outside the church are welcome and encouraged to come as well.

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Middle School (6th-8th grades)

August 10 – Craig's Cruisers

August 14 – Bonfire – location TBD

High School (9th-12th grades)

August 14 – Bonfire – location TBD

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Grandville Serve Day is almost here! We have several projects that still need volunteers on Wednesday, August 2. There is still time to sign up online or at the Sign-Up Center. Nursery and a Grab-And-Go dinner will be available for those serving in the evening. If you would like a meal or are in need of Nursery, please contact Pastor Melanie. Free shirts are also available for those serving. Contact your Project Leader for a shirt or visit the office. Questions? Contact Pastor Melanie at 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.

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.

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. You can give a monetary donation to the office or online ("other" category). Questions? Contact Melanie – melanie@firstgrandville.org. Here is the list of items needed:

Need lots more of:

- Tall square Kleenex boxes
- Packages of 3X3 sticky notes
- Boxes of quart-size Ziploc bags
- Packages of disinfecting wipes
- Wide rule COMPOSITION (black & white) notebooks
- Yellow 2 pocket folders
- Earbuds

Need a few more of:

- Backpacks
- Mouse for chromebook
- Hand sanitizer bottles
- Protractors
- Sandwich fold top bags
- Red Pens
- Wired headphones or earbuds
- TI-30 calculators

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:

- **Karin Dykstra** is hospitalized with breathing issues.
- **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.**

Congratulations to:

- **Austin & Amber Freeman** at the birth of a baby girl, Ruby Gail, on July 24.

Campers this week:

- **Emmerson & Breckon Roberts**

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), **AJ Frens** (Duane & Gail'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 all the birthday cards. **Phil Davis**

New address –

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