

**Welcome to Worship**  
**August 6, 2023**

Prelude

*God of this City*

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

\*Greeting

Song of Worship

*Bring Your Kingdom Here*

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: Today we come to celebrate what you are doing in our midst. You are moving in our church and in our community.

**Congregation: For this, we give you thanks.**

Leader: You have given us a purpose, uniquely gifting each of us to carry your kingdom into this world.

**Congregation: We give you thanks.**

Leader: However, we often are too busy to see you moving. We choose to hide our gifts. We judge our neighbors instead of loving them. We fail to slow down and be mindful of your presence in our midst.

**Congregation: Forgive us Lord.**

Leader: Forgive us for forgetting to love you and our neighbor.

**Congregation: Forgive us for the many ways we do not represent you well to others.**

Leader: Even in our failures, you still call us your beloved. Your love does not change even when we are distant from you. It does not change when we disobey you.

**Congregation: Thank you for accepting us as we are and never giving up on us.**

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

\*Songs of Worship

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*  
*Way Maker*

Grandville Serve Day Testimonies

Scripture – Genesis 2:1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

“Sabbath as Rhythm”

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Announcements

\*Sending Song

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

\*Blessing

Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer

## **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.

**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 begin a new sermon series called "Rest & Restore." The message will come from Genesis 2:1-3 titled, "Sabbath as Rhythm."

## **THIS WEEK**

### **MONDAY**

7:50pm Men's softball game at Hughes Park – Field 2

### **TUESDAY**

10:00am-noon Art in the Park at Spring Grove Park - 1800 Greenly St, Grandville, MI 49418  
6:30pm Young Adult Dinner & Bonfire at Dykstra's

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study  
5:30pm Praise Team

### **THURSDAY**

9:00am Zumba  
5:00pm Middle School at Craig's Cruisers

**NEXT WEEK** – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue with the sermon series "Rest & Restore." The message will come from Deuteronomy 5:12-15 titled, "Sabbath as Resistance."

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.

**Online Church Directory** – Our new church directory is now online on our website – [firstgrandville.org](http://firstgrandville.org). The password is "firstgrandville".

## Stewardship Update:

Offerings received Sunday, July 30

Offering plate: \$ 20,146.00

Online: \$ 3,490.00

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Don Kempema	88 on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Marie Roos	90 on the 5 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Grooters	91 on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Ken Viening	91 on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Orlene Porte	88 on the 15 <sup>th</sup>
Barb Holwerda	80 on the 20 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Brouwer	84 on the 28 <sup>th</sup>

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Tuesday, August 8** – Young Adult Dinner & Bonfire

**Tuesday, August 8** – Art in the Park at Spring Grove Park

**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** (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)

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

## 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)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

**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](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org) or 517-803-5686.

**Meal Train for the Freeman's** – Congratulations to Austin & Amber Freeman who had a baby girl, Ruby Gail, on July 24. If you would like to bring them a meal you can sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/71nlr9>

**Hand2hand** – Thank you for your generous support for kids in need at Century Park Elementary during the 2022-2023 school year! We are looking forward to another year of serving these kids and their families. For the entire month of August, we would like to stock our shelves with items used to prepare one family weekend meal. For a list of items needed please see the flyer in your mailslot.

## 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:

- **Betty Isenga** was hospitalized but is now home recovering from heart issues.
- **Kim Vaughn** is recovering from ankle surgery.
- **Karin Dykstra** is hospitalized with breathing issues.
- **Maria Oskam** is dealing with health concerns.
- **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:

- **Caleb & Gabby Smitley**

### 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 the prayers and cards during and following my shoulder surgery. Your caring and support are appreciated. **Larry Kuipers**