



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
October 15, 2023

Prelude

Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

Song of Worship

Promises

*Greeting

1st Grade Bible Presentation – Alice Kleinheksel, Andrew Brouwer, Ben Timmer

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: Loving and gracious God, you are so patient with us.

Congregation: We run away, and you seek us.

Leader: We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way.

Congregation: We hurt you and others, and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us.

Leader: Help us, we pray. Help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living. May we bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world.

Congregation: Amen.

Songs of Worship

Blessed Be Your Name
It is Well

Baptism

Scripture – James 1:1-18

Message

"How to Face Trials"

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Announcements

*Sending Song

By Faith

Preschool Choir

Benediction Song

*Blessing

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Naomi Diekman;
Pianist – Pamela Slagter

WELCOME to First Reformed Church

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. Feel free to stop by our Welcome Desk near the main entrance – we'd love to connect with you! Please join us for coffee in the Activity Center following the service.

FOR KIDS – Kid's Worship bags and Sweet Reward papers are available as you enter the Sanctuary. Completed Sweet Reward papers can be turned in at the Welcome Desk for a sweet treat.

Mothers' Room – The "Mothers' Room" is located across from the Nursery and is a comfortable, private space to tend to the needs of infants and watch the live service.

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

TODAY at First

Pastor Jeff will be starting a new sermon series on the book of James. The message will come from James 1:1-18. The first graders will be receiving their Bibles this morning. We will also be baptizing La'Nessa Marie Watson, daughter of Jeff & Jeanna Watson.

Sunday Kids Connect Schedule:

Nursery (birth – 3 year olds) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Worship (ages 3 years – Kindergarten) can be dropped off downstairs in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Sunday Connect (Nursery-5th Grade) 10:45-11:45am

- Birth – 3-years meet in the Nursery
- 3 years – PreK meet in room #113 South (downstairs)
- Kindergarten – 3rd grade meet in the downstairs assembly room
- 4th & 5th grades meet in room #113 north (downstairs)

Middle & High School Sunday Connect in the Youth Lounge from 10:45-11:30am.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Gym.

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) from 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Gym.

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue with the sermon series from the book of James. The message will come from James 1:19-27.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received October 8, 2023

Offering plate: \$ 7,374.00

Online: \$ 5,570.00

Communion: \$ 1,484.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

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:

- **Don Scovel** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is determining his next steps.
- **Maria Oskam** is going to have a MRI of her back on October 17.
- **Bob Schuitman** is recovering from knee replacement.
- **Nancy Matthews** is at The Oaks of Byron Center for rehab.
- **Fran Rinkus** was recently hospitalized and continues to recover at Freedom Inn.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel.**
- **Continued prayers for: Hans Dulimarta, Carol Hoffman, Alice Karsten, Maria Oskam, Joyce VanderMarkt, Randy Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, Bob Waters, Jeremy Ross, Steve Jackman**

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), **Abram Swart** (Jack & Myrt Manders grandson)

Please keep in your hearts, minds, and prayers:

Our **Family at Home members** - Eloise Anderson, Crystal Baum, Mary Lou Besteman, Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, Arlene Jacobitz, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Fran Rinkus, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei

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.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:30pm Consistory

TUESDAY

1:00pm Ladies Lit

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
9:30am Women in the Word
5:30pm Praise Team
5:30pm MidWeek Connect – Baked Potato Bar
6:30pm Chancel Choir
6:15pm Rake & Run Service Project
7:00pm Kids' Choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba
9:30am [Prime Timers' Kaffee Klatsch](#)

ONGOING MINISTRIES

MegaMen Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. Come enjoy fellowship with other men and dig into the Word. Contact: Dave Lidgard - dlidgard@hpseagles.net or Bob Stelma - mstelmau78@yahoo.com.

Women in the Word – Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00am in the Youth Lounge. We will be studying the book of Philippians. Books will be available for \$8, or you can pick one up in the office. If anyone needs an alternative form of the book, we would be happy to assist. Contact: Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008.

Esther Circle – the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in the Adult Education classroom. All women are welcome to meet for a time of coffee, fellowship, mission interests, and informal Bible study. Our study is “Women and Identity.” Contact Karen Diekema – 616-644-0820.

Men's Bible Study – at Marge's Donut Den on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2:30pm. Mark Davis and David Bast are the discussion leaders. Our topic is The Parables. You are encouraged to bring a friend! Contact Chuck Porte - 616-261-4402

LOOKING AHEAD

Rake & Run – **THIS** Wednesday, October 18 at 6:15pm- An opportunity to bless our neighbors living behind the church. Bring a rake and help us care for our neighbors. Questions? Contact: Pastor Melanie

Trunk or Treat – Wednesday, October 25 from 6:30-7:30pm! Sign up to host a trunk in the Sign-Up Center. Candy donations can be placed in the bin in the Fellowship Room.

Prime Timers' Kaffee Klatsch – Thursday, October 19, at 9:30am in the Activity Center. Coffee – goodies – conversation. We'll visit about what Prime Timers can be, bring ideas!

Pigs-In-The-Blanket – Esther Circle will be making and selling Pigs-In-The-Blanket this year. The cost is \$15 per package of 7. They will be available for pick up Friday, November 10, from noon-1:00pm, and after worship on Sunday, November 11 and 18. Please place your order on the form at the Sign-Up Center.

First Grandville T-Shirts – If you ordered a First Grandville T-Shirt, your shirt is available in the office. Please pay for your shirt before you take it. Your payment can be put in Pastor Melanie or Jeff's mailbox in the office.

Adult Sunday Connect – October 22, 29, November 5, 12, & 19. Pastor Jeff will be teaching in the upstairs Adult Ed Room.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Hand2hand is delivering food weekly to kids at Century Park Learning Center so they will have food to eat for the weekend. We are receiving non-breakable, non-expired, non-perishable food donations. Items needed are:

mac and cheese, canned soup (kid friendly), bagged chips, breakfast bars, rice krispie treats, microwave popcorn, fruit cups, cookies, trail mix, pouch yogurt (non-refrigerated)

These items need to be in individual packets. Your financial gifts are also welcome. Please place your donations in the hand2hand box in the Narthex. Thank you!

Meal Train for the Kallemeyn's to celebrate Zach and Rachel's baby boy, Matthew Harold, born on September 13. If you would like to bring them a meal, sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/od1zel?>

[Greeters needed! We are looking for families, couples, or individuals to greet this Fall. There are two slots every Sunday. Sign-up at the Sign-Up Center.](#)

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

Matthew's House Ministry is in need of laundry detergent, paper towels, and toilet paper. Leave donations in marked bins under the mailslots in the Activity Center.

YOUTH MINISTRIES Contact person: Jon Hull – jon@firstgrandville.org/517-803-5686

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) meets Sunday's from 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Lounge. Snacks provided.

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) meets Sunday's from 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Lounge. Food provided.

Young Life (9th-12th grades) – does not meet Monday, October 16.

WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – meets Tuesday, October 24, at 7:27pm at the Lauka's house – 219 Regal Ct.

Youth Pop Can Drive – your empty cans can be dropped off in the Youth Lounge. If you would like to return cans to put money in your student's youth account for future trips, contact Jon Hull.

Dominican Republic Youth Trip Fundraiser – the youth will be selling Dutch Apple Pies for Thanksgiving. They are \$18.00 each. To order your pies sign up at the Sign-Up Center, or contact Jon with your name and how many pies you would like. Orders need to be in by November 10. Pick up will be Saturday, November 18 at noon in the Youth Lounge.