



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

**Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
October 22, 2023**

Prelude *Majestic Praise*
Choir Anthem *The Name of the Lord*

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

Song of Worship *Solid Rock*

*Greeting

Songs of Worship *Build My Life*
I Exalt Thee
What a Beautiful Name

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we come to you today from many places with no shortage of things on our mind. We are focused on our lives, our schedules, and our work to the point where we become distracted from your purpose.

People: God, help us to reorient ourselves, to make you our priority, to let your Kingdom come and your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we think that we always need more. We live saying that it's never enough, that we cannot be satisfied.

People: Remind us God, that you are the source of our daily bread and forgive us for the ways that we seek nourishment outside of you.

Leader: Father, we can sometimes think that we walk alone. We act as if we can conquer the darkest valleys of life without you.

People: Still, you continue to walk alongside of us delivering us from evil. Lord, we give you thanks for all that you have done and continue to do in our lives and world.

Leader: Lord, let us be reassured today that yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. You love us and invite us into your future now and always. Amen.

Song *How Firm a Foundation*

Scripture – James 1:19-27

Message “Living Out a Changed Life”

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song *This is My Father's World*

Announcements

*Sending Song *The Lord's Prayer*

*Blessing

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation*

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Jon Hull;
Organist – Nancy Ryskamp; Pianist – Barbara Gossett

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.

TODAY at First

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

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)
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Adult Sunday School with Pastor Jeff in the upstairs Adult Ed Classroom.

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 2:14-26.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received October 15, 2023

Offering plate: \$ 13,122.00

Online: \$ 3,298.00

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:

- **Bruce Slagter** will be having hip replacement on October 24.
- **Don Scovel** is having a port put in and will begin chemo.
- **Nancy Matthews** is at home recovering.
- **Crystal Baum** fell and is fine but has some bumps and bruises.
- **Betty Isenga** is recovering after a brief stay in the hospital.
- **Fran Rinkus** 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

7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY

7:27pm Wyldlife

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
9:30am Women in the Word
5:30pm Praise Team
5:30pm MidWeek Connect – Sloppy Joes
6:30pm Chancel Choir
6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

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

Maple Tree Preschool Panera Bread fundraiser – Tuesday, October 24, from 4:00-8:00pm. For proceeds to go to Maple Tree, please bring the fundraiser flyer with you or use it for your online order. You can find a flyer on the table in the Narthex.

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

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) – meets Monday, October 23, at 7:27pm at the Buursma's barn, 5048 8th Ave., Grandville.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Joyce Ferris | 84 on the 2 nd |
| Andrea Kragt | 80 on the 6 th |
| Chuck Porte | 87 on the 11 th |
| Gerald Brouwer | 87 on the 22 nd |
| Bob Holwerda | 80 on the 25 th |
| Helen Dertien | 94 on the 27 th |
| Pat Marcusse | 92 on the 29 th |
| Bob Brower | 81 on the 30 th |