



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
November 5, 2023
All Saints' Day

Prelude

Welcome, Call to Worship, Prayer

*Song of Worship *Sound of the Saints*

*Greeting

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Kathy: We are saved by Faith. Once we are saved, that faith becomes active.

All: If we put our trust in earthly things and count our involvement as evidence of our faith, we are missing the mark.

Kathy: Faith without works is not a saving faith. Faith alone is the cause of salvation. Works are the result of faith.

All: If I say that I believe in Jesus as my Savior and it doesn't change my behavior, my faith doesn't mean much.

Kathy: For just as the body, without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.

All: May the Spirit work in us to give us saving faith, that causes us to do the good works that advance Your kingdom, where we are!

Baptism

Song *God You're So Good*

*Songs of Worship *I Surrender All*
I Surrender

Scripture – James 3:1-12

Message *"Taming the Tongue"*

Recognition of the Saints

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Song *We Praise You O God our Redeemer*

Announcements

*Sending Song *Living Hope*
Doxology

*Blessing

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*

**All who are able, please stand*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Kathy Geurink; Pianist- Barbara Gossett; Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Choir Accompanist & Organist – Barb Vander Heide

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. This is the last week the Mothers' Room will be open until the boiler is fixed.

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

TODAY at First

Community Sunday – the first Sunday of every month. This is a way to connect with people in our community, especially someone you might not know. Name tags are available on the tables in the Narthex.

Pastor Jeff Watson will continue with the sermon series from the book of James. The message will come from James 3:1-12. We will be baptizing Breslyn Jane Farney, daughter of Garrett & Kenzie Farney. Kenzie Farney will also be joining church. We will celebrate with cake following the service in the Activity Center.

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)

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 4:1-12.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received October 29, 2023

Offering plate: \$ 5,419.00

Online: \$ 5,148.00

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** is home recovering from hip replacement.
- **Don Scovel** has begun chemo.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Hans Dulimarta, Alice Karsten, Maria Oskam, Joyce VanderMarkt, Randy Kehr, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, Jeremy Ross**

We extend prayers and condolences to:

- The **Clark Matthews family and friends**, at the passing of his wife Nancy, on October 27.
- The **family and friends of Mary Hasper** at the passing of her dad, James Crower, on October 28.

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, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, Arlene Jacobitz, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Fran Rinkus, Kay TenHaken, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, and 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.

THANK YOU...

...Again my thanks to my First Family Prayer Warriors for your prayers and support during and following my hip replacement. It is so much appreciated. **Wayne D. Veneklasen**

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle

4:30pm Hospitality Council

5:15pm Bells of Joy

7:27pm WyldLife

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

9:30am Women in the Word

5:30pm Praise Team

5:30pm MidWeek Connect – Pork chops

6:00-7:00pm K – 5 MidWeek Connect

7:00-7:45pm K – 5 Kids Choir

6:30-7:30pm Preschool MidWeek Connect

6:30pm Chancel Choir

6:30-7:30pm Podcast group

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 Youth Lounge. 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

Young Adult Friendsgiving – Thursday, November 30 at 6pm. Gather with other young adults at the Curry's house for a meal. Everyone please bring a breakfast dish to pass. RSVP to Pastor Melanie – melanie@firstgrandville.org.

Prime Timers November Potluck – Tuesday, November 14 at 11:45 in the Family Life Center. Good food and fellowship Cider will be served at 11:45 -- 12:00 dining. Speaker, Doris Kuipers, will share her experience of being a Light House Keeper. Please sign up for food and attendance on the sheets available at the Sign-Up Center. Bring a friend.

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.

Worship Services will be held in the gym beginning November 12 due to boiler issues.

Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the gym.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Church Set-Up – beginning November 12, we need help setting up chairs in the gym for our worship service. We would like to have 2 teams – one for the 1st & 3rd Sundays and another for the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Set up will begin at 8:00am. If you can help, sign up at the Sign-Up Center.

Thanksgiving Food Collection for the Domestic Crisis Center: For the entire month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable foods and care items (see list on back) for the Domestic Crisis Center in Grand Rapids. Please place these items in the Fellowship Room beginning November 5. Donated items can also be brought forward during our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00pm. Consistory members will be available at the portico following Sunday services to help unload cars. We will be bringing the donated items to the Domestic Crisis Center on Friday, November 24. We will start packing the bus at 9:30am.

Other Way Christmas Store - We are collecting new unopened toys to provide gifts for low income families at reduced prices. You can find a list of needed items in your mailslot. Toys need to be unwrapped with prices still attached. There are boxes in the Narthex for your toy donations. The toy drive ends on December 3.

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. You can find a list of items in your mailslot. 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!

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.

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

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

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

Young Life (9th-12th grades) – meets Monday, November 13, at 7:27pm at the Holleman’s house – 3566 Apache Ct.

WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – meets November 14, at 7:27pm at the Olson’s house – 6033 Hillsborough Ct.

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.

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 contact Jon Hull.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

First Reformed Food drive suggestions

Spaghetti sauce

Alfredo sauce

Noodles

Flavored rice (ex. Rice a roni)

Taco seasoning

Taco shells

Taco sauce or salsa

Canned fruit

Applesauce

Baby food/cereal

Condiments: BBQ sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce

Salad dressing (especially ranch)

Cereal – sugary types

Regular coffee for coffee makers

Coffee filters

64 oz or larger bottles of juice (shelf kind – ex. apple, grape, fruit)

Bags of sugar

Spices – garlic powder, garlic salt, seasoning salt, lemon pepper, chili seasoning etc.

Gravy packets/chili making packets

Brownie mixes

Vegetable oil

Tuna and canned chicken

Ready to eat soups

Ready to eat pasta (SpaghettiOs, ravioli etc.)

Northern beans (large jars)

Toilet paper

Paper towel