



# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

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.

**Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church  
November 26, 2023**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Worship

*Everlasting God*

\*Greeting

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kevin: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, we thank you, Lord.

**All: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, we thank you, Lord.**

Kevin: For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship, we thank you, Lord.

**All: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, we thank you, Lord.**

Kevin: For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, we thank you, Lord.

**All: For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men, women, and children, revealing the image of Christ, we thank you, Lord.**

Kevin: For the communion of saints, in all times and places, we thank you, Lord. Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: To him be praise, honor, and glory now and forever more. Amen**

Songs of Response

*Hymn of Heaven  
It is Well with My Soul*

Scripture – James 5:7-12

Message

“Practicing Patience”

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song

*My Heart is full of Thankfulness*

Announcements

Mission Moment – La Casa

\*Sending Song

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

\*Blessing

Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Prelude – Hans Dulimarta; Offertory – 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! Please join us for coffee in the Gym or the Youth Lounge following the service.

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

**Mothers’ Room** – The Mothers’ Room is closed and will be open after the boiler is fixed.

**TODAY at First**

Pastor Matt Cook will continue with the sermon series from the book of James. The message will come from James 5:7-12.

**Sunday Kids Connect Schedule:**

**Nursery** is available to 3 year olds and under.

**Advent Festival** from 3:30-5:30pm in the Gym.

**NEXT WEEK** – Pastor Jeff Watson will begin an Advent sermon series: God With Us. The message will come from Luke 1:5-16. Communion will be served and there will be an update from our Churches in Mission Cohort.

**Stewardship Update:**

Offerings received November 19, 2023

Offering plate:       \$ 5,579.00

Online:                 \$ 4,406.00

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

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

7:27pm               Young Life

**TUESDAY**

5:15pm               Bells of Joy

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00am               MegaMen Bible Study

9:30am               Women in the Word

5:30pm               Praise Team

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       Pickleball

6:30-7:30pm       Book Study

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

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

December 3 – Congregational meeting – 11:00am – Proposed budgets can be found in the office.

December 10 – Kid's Musical

December 17 – Cantata

December 24 – 9:30am – Family friendly service

11:00pm – Candlelight Service

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Advent Festival** – **TODAY** from 3:30-5:30PM. Celebrate the Advent season with an afternoon of fun for all ages!

**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](mailto:melanie@firstgrandville.org).

**Prime Timers** – Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm the Grandville Community Choir Concert at Ivanrest Christian Reformed Church. Refreshments served.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE**

**Church Set-Up** – We need continue to need volunteers to set up chairs on Sundays. Set-Up begins at 8:15am.

**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. A list of items can be found in your mailslot. These items need to be in individual packets. Financial gifts are also welcome. Please place 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](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org)/517-803-5686  
There will not be **Middle or High School Connect and Youth Group** this Sunday. It will resume December 3.

**WyldLife** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) – meets Tuesday, December 12, at 7:27pm.

**Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – meets Monday, November 27.

**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.

### **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:**

- **Bob Verburg** is at The Oaks of Byron Center for rehab.
- **Arlene Jacobitz** is under the care of hospice.
- **Cathy Tuinstra** is recovering at Mission Point.
- **Don Scovel** continues with chemo.
- **Shirley Ghysels** is having an upper and lower GI on December 5.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Alice Karsten, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, and Jeremy Ross.**

#### **Congratulations to:**

- **Dave & Amanda VanDerKlok** on the birth of a baby girl, Addie Jane, born November 18.

#### **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.