



# **FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**

Grandville, Michigan

**Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church**  
**January 28, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Song of Worship *The Lord's Prayer*

\*Greeting

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Kathy: Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden

**All: and I will give you rest.**

Kathy: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,

**All: that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Kathy: Jesus Christ came into this world to save us and bring us new life.

**All: We are loved, forgiven, and made whole through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.**

\*Songs of Worship *Give Me Jesus*  
*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Sermon "What Possessions Will Never Provide"

Scripture – Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Choir Anthem *Psalm 139*

Announcements

\*Sending Song *Be Thou My Vision*

\*Blessing

Postlude

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

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Choir Director – Rick Gossett;  
Piano Accompanist/Organist – Rhonda Talsma

**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.

**Mother's Room:** The "Mother's Room" is now accessible off the Fellowship Room. It is a comfortable space to tend to the needs of babies.

**Children's Library** – The Children's Library is now located downstairs in Room 108.

**TODAY at First**

Pastor Jeff will continue the sermon series: "Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes." The message will come from Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.

**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** (3 years-5th Grade) 10:45-11:45am

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

**Profession of Faith Interest Meeting** – January 28th 10:45-11:30am (in place of Sunday Connect) in the Youth Lounge. All youth students are welcome to check this out.

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

**High School Youth Group** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) starts at 6:30pm in the Youth Gym. Lions watch party. Pizza, soda, and games.

**NEXT WEEK** – Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the sermon series "Life Lessons from Ecclesiastes." The message will come from Ecclesiastes 7:15-23. It will also be Community Sunday (first Sunday of every month). This is a way to connect with people in our community, especially someone you might not know. Name tags will be available on the tables in the Narthex and cookies served following the service.

**Stewardship Update:**

Offerings received January 21, 2024

Offering Plate: \$11,685.00

Online: \$ 4,847.00

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

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...**

...for all of your prayers, cards, texts, and visits with my recent hospitalizations and surgery. The support I received is greatly appreciated! **Jan Hodges**

## 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 Ferris** is having outpatient back surgery on January 30.
- **Kathy Waters** has pneumonia and **Bob Waters** is waiting for test results from biopsy.
- **Shirley Ghysels** is home and continues to recover.
- **Cathy Tuinstra** at American House Wyoming
- **Bob Verburg** is under the care of hospice.
- **Don Scovel** continues with chemo.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Doug Hunderman, Casey Dutmer, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, and Jeremy Ross.**

### 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, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Kay TenHaken, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, and Mary Zomerlei.

### THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life

#### TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy

7:27pm WyldLife

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

5:30pm Praise Team

5:30pm MidWeek Connect meal

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 Book Study

#### THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

**Esther Circle** – the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in the Adult Education Room. 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

**MegaMen Bible Study** – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. Come for Bible study and fellowship. Contact: Dave Lidgard (dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma (mstelmau78@yahoo.com).

**Women in the Word** – Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:00am in the upstairs Adult Ed Room. We will be studying Douglas Connelly’s *Angels Standing Guard*. Books are available for \$10 and can be picked up in the office. Contact: Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

**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. The topic is The Parables. You are encouraged to bring a friend! Contact: Chuck Porte - 616-261-4402

**Calling all Flute Players** – We are reviving our flute choir and plan to play on February 25. All ages and all ability levels are welcome. If interested call Barb Nienhuis – 616-485-3417.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Connect with Eight Sign-Ups** – Today is the last day to sign up! Connect with others in the congregation over a meal. Sign up again or for the first time. Groups will meet in February, March, and April. Contact: Ashley VanDyk (ashleysuevandyk@gmail.com) for families and Lynne Rosema (trosema@sbcglobal.net) for adults.

**Maple Tree Preschool's 2024/2025 registration is now open!** Go to Maple Tree's website for more information and to register online. Join us for an Open House on Monday, February 5, 6:00-7:00 pm (limited to 2 adults and students interested in attending Maple Tree in 2024/2005).

**Widows and Widowers** – February 29, 1:30pm. Let's LEAP back to the 80s! Join us for some fellowship and fun. More information and sign-up sheet coming soon. Contact Lynne Rosema (trosema@sbcglobal.net).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

**Profession of Faith Mentors are needed!** Contact Jeff Watson or Jon Hull for more information.

**Cookie donations** – We are in need of cookie donations for our Community Sunday's. There is a box in the little freezer in the kitchen labeled for donations. You can drop them off anytime.

**Youth Sunday Connect** -- If you are interested in providing a snack for Sunday Connect and getting to know some of our youth students, please fill out the snack sign up form in the Sign-Up Center by the Activity Center!

**Hand2Hand** – Each week we deliver food for 51 kids to Century Park Learning Center so the kids will have food to eat for the weekend. We are receiving non-expired, non-perishable food donations. Items needed are:

popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, raisins, any bagged snack, instant oatmeal, cereal, instant mac 'n cheese.

These items need to be in individual packets. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.

**Food Pantry Needs** - Canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, diced tomatoes, beef stew, muffin mix, Hamburg Helper, shampoo, body soap. Please **NO** canned vegetables. You can leave food in the cart in the Activity Center.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES** Contact person: Jon Hull – [jon@firstgrandville.org](mailto:jon@firstgrandville.org)/517-803-5686

**Young Life** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – meets Monday, January 29, at 7:27pm in the Youth Gym.

**WyldLife** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) – meets January 30, at 7:27pm, in the Youth Gym.

**High School Spring Hill Weekend** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – February 2 – 4. Cost is \$200. Contact Jon to sign up.

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Taco Dinner** – Wednesday, February 21, at 5:30pm.

**Youth Dominican Republic Trip** – June 14-21, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Please be praying for youth who are signed up and are considering signing up!