



First Reformed Church

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
February 11, 2024
Kid's Musical

Prelude *Jesus Loves Me*

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Melanie: Great is the Lord

People: Exalted among the nations.

Melanie: Mighty is the Lord

People: King of heaven and earth.

Melanie: Holy is the Lord People:

Beyond our understanding.

All: Let us worship our God and King!

*Song of Worship *This is Amazing Grace*

*Greeting

*Song of Worship *King of Kings*

Meditation

The Glory of the Small Things

Scripture – Micah 5:2-6

Announcement

Mission Moment

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offering Song *Be Still My Soul/It is Well With My Soul*

Kid's Musical

*Blessing

Postlude

I Know Whom I Have Believed

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Kids Musical Director – Barb Nienhuis; Kids Musical Accompanist – 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 and cookies 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.

TODAY at First

Pastor Jeff Watson will be doing a meditation followed by the Kid's Musical "Christmas Comes to Lone Star Gulch" will be part of the service.

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. There will be no Sunday Connect today due to the Kid's Musical.

TIME CHANGE! Beginning February 18, Kids' Sunday Connect will end at 11:30.

No Middle & High School Sunday Connect today due to the Kid's Musical.

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

No High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades) today because of the Super Bowl.

NEXT WEEK is the first Sunday of Lent. Pastor Jeff will begin a new series "The Final Night." He will be preaching from Matthew 26:36-46. We will also be serving communion.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received February 4, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 9,843.00

Online: \$ 3,630.00

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:

- **Brian Boone** is having a heart catheterization on February 16.
- **Donna VanHorn** was hospitalized in Florida and continues to recover.
- **Bob Waters** is being treated for an infection.
- **Casey Dutmer** is recovering from surgery.
- **Shirley Ghysels** is home and continues to recover.
- **Don Scovel** continues with chemo.
- **Ellie Mott** (Todd & Becca Hollen's niece) has a reoccurrence of brain cancer.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, and Jeremy Ross.**

We Extend Condolences to:

- **Vern and Carol Hoffman**, in the passing of Carol's brother on February 4.

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, 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...

...for the birthday blessing cards and wishes! **Fran Davis**

...for your Thanksgiving Day offering gift to Beyond26! Since the day I introduced B26 to your congregation I have had a lot of positive feedback and meetings with First Church members. I believe our relationships will continue to grow as we serve God in our community.

Beyond 26

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:30pm Facilities Council
7:00pm Worship Council
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 – Chicken Cordon Bleu
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba
1:00pm Prime Timers Game Afternoon

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Esther Circle – meets the first Tuesday of the 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).

Stop by the Welcome Center to see the plaque and book given to the FRC Men's Bible Study group as a thank you for funding the new well for their village. The work on the well for the Nigerian village was done through the Samuel Omogo Foundation.

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. Next rehearsal is February 18 following worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

Consistory Nominations – It is time once again to begin the process of nominating and electing new members for our Consistory. If you know someone who you feel has the gifts for leadership as either an Elder or a Deacon, please place the name of that person in the nominations box located on the table in the Narthex. You may also speak to any member of the nominations committee – Bryce Lutke (Chair), Steve DeVette, Mark Donker, Kim Donze, Ron Hasper, Chad Holleman, Sue Plasman, and Anne Potyraj. Or you may place the name(s) in a sealed envelope in the mail slot of any committee member. The committee will accept nominations from the congregation through February 25.

Valentine Dinner – Come join us for a special Valentine's Day dinner on Wednesday, February 14. Dinner will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, cheesy potatoes, strawberry spinach salad, and Red Velvet Cake. Donations will be accepted to cover costs of Wednesday night meals. Please sign up at Sign-Up Center so we have a better idea of numbers.

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30pm. Following our MidWeek Connect Meal, join us as we begin this season of Lent for an interactive Ash Wednesday Service for all ages.

Prime Timers – Thursday, February 15 from 1:00-3:00pm. Join your friends for an afternoon of games –

table games – card games – *white elephant* Bingo. Sign up for what interests you. If you would like to bring your favorite game, please do. Also, please bring your favorite snack to share and a *white elephant* (per couple or single) in a brown paper bag to be used as a game prize. Beverages will be provided. Meet in the youth lounge for a time of fun.

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

La Chonce Sunday School Class – February 25 in the Upstairs Ed Classroom. Mission Partners, Mark & Jennifer La Chonce work for Interserve USA and will be joining us for a Mission Moment and a class following the service to give an update on their work and ministry.

Widow and Widowers – Let's LEAP back to the 80s! Join us Thursday, February 29 at 1:30 pm in the Youth Lounge for fun, games, dessert and fellowship. Please sign up at the Sign-Up Center. Questions? Contact Lynne Rosema (616-901-5784)

Churches in Mission Cohort Connection Meeting- Sunday, March 3 (10:45am) in the Upstairs Adult Ed Classroom. The Churches in Mission Cohort has finished their year of work researching and discerning missional needs in and outside of the church. They will be holding a meeting to share about this work and discuss how the church can continue this work moving forward. The team especially encourages people gifted with hospitality, connecting with others, and with a passion for creating more connection in the church to attend and give their input. Questions? Contact Pastor Melanie.

Lost & Found – There are two pairs of women's black gloves on the center desk in the office if you are missing any.

Maple Tree Preschool's 2024/2025 registration is now open! Go to Maple Tree's website for more information and to register online.

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

Young Life (9th-12th grades) – meets Monday, February 12, at 7:27pm at church.

WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – meets February 13, at 7:27pm, in the Youth Gym.

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!

College Scholarships: Scholarship forms are available in the office or online for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2024. They are due to the office no later than **Friday, April 12, at noon.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Sunday Techs – We are in need of more techs to help run sound, our presentation program, and live stream. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Melanie.

Cookie donations – We are in need of cookie donations for our Community Sundays. Donations can be placed in the little freezer in the kitchen labeled "Donations".

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 Updated needs – 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:

Peanut butter (plastic jar), jelly (plastic bottle), 1 lb. box spaghetti noodles, 24 oz. canned pasta sauce, 12 oz. canned chicken, chicken flavored rice packets, canned green beans

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.