



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Worship *This is Amazing Grace*

*Greeting

*Songs of Worship *Agnus Dei*
How Great is Our God
How Great Thou Art

Sermon "The Mockery"

Scripture – Matthew 27:27-31, 41-42

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song *Glorious Day*

Announcements

*Sending Song *10,000 Reasons*

*Blessing

Postlude

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Translator – Ricky Velazquez

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.

TODAY at First is the fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the series "The Final Night." He will be preaching from Matthew 27:27-31, 41-42. This is a combined Spanish/English service with La Casa. Pastor Jeff will be preaching and Ricky Velazquez will be translating. La Casa will be preparing and serving a meal following the service which will be a fundraiser for La Casa.

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.

There is **not Sunday Connect** today for all ages so everyone can enjoy the food that La Casa has made.

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 is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Pastor Jeff Watson will continue the series "The Final Night." He will be preaching from Mark 15:16-32 titled "The King."

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received March 3, 2024

Offering Plate: \$24,645.00

Online: \$ 5,626.00

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:

- **Pat Stegehuis** is home continuing to recover.
- **Don Scovel** continues with chemo.
- **Dori Slagter** (relative to Bruce & Pam Slagter) is recovering from surgery.
- **Ellie Mott** (Todd & Becca Hollen's niece) is in ICU for brain cancer.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Todd Hollen, Casey Dutmer, Bob Waters, Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, and Jeremy Ross.**

We extend condolences to:

- **Pastor Melanie and her family** in the death of her grandfather, Bob Nordin, on March 6.

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 prayers and cards. **Shirley Ghysels**

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 – Shepherds pie

6:30pm Chancel Choir

6:30pm Podcast group

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Esther Circle – meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the Adult Education Room. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship, mission interests, and informal Bible study. We are starting a new study called Woman of God. 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*. 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).

LOOKING AHEAD

Memorial Easter Plants – Plant orders will be available until **TOMORROW, March 11**. Plants are \$15 and can be taken home following the Easter service. Order forms are available at the Sign-up Center, Welcome Desk and the Office to fill out and submit to the office along with \$15 per plant.

New Members Class – A New Members Class is planned for March 17 and 24 taught by Pastor Jeff for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. (Class held on Sundays at 11:00am in Pastor Jeff's office). Please email jeffw@firstgrandville.org if you would like to attend.

Masterpiece Night - Celebrate the end of our Midweek Connect program year with a night of creating and fun! Meet in the gym on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 to choose your creation station. All are welcome!
March 20, 6:30-7:30

Prime Timers and friends of Prime Timers – Invite a friend for a red/white and blue afternoon. This will be Thursday, March 21 at 1:00pm in the Activity Center. El Zwart will portray Patrick Henry, an American Patriot. Refreshments will be served.

Cello Ensemble – If you play cello and would like to participate in a cello ensemble at the Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 7pm, please contact Pastor Melanie. Practices will be on Wednesday nights.

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, March 11, at the Youth Gym.

WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – meets March 12, at 7:27pm, at church in the gym.

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. Forms are due to the office no later than **Friday, April 12, at noon.**

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

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.

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 (melanie@firstgrandville.org).

Cookie Donations – We need 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:

12 oz. canned chicken, chicken flavored rice packets, 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.

Stamp Ministry - Did you know that Wycliffe Associates has a Stamp Ministry? They have a dedicated team that trims, sorts, and sells stamps for mission projects. So, please save your cancelled and uncanceled stamps, as well as any stamp collections that you no longer want to donate to WA. There is a box under the mailboxes in the Activity Center for your donations. A flier with more details is in your church mailbox. If you have questions or would like something picked up contact Doris Kuipers – 616-531-8335.