



## **FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**

Grandville, Michigan

**Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**Easter Sunday**

Prelude *Christ the Lord is Risen Today/Easter Song*

Video "Easter Spoken Word"

Liturgy

Pastor Melanie: He is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

\*Song of Worship *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Welcome

Kids Easter Video

\*Greeting

\*Song of Worship *Christ Arose*

Easter Hallelujah

Tony: This is the good news – the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

June: This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Tony: This is the good news – once we were no people; now we are God's people.

**All: Hallelujah!**

June: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**All: Hallelujah!**

\*Song of Worship *In Christ Alone*

Scripture – Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon "He is Risen!"

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song *Mighty is the Power of the Cross*

\*Songs of Worship *What a Beautiful Name*

*Crown Him*

Announcements

*(During the announcements, all who would like to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to join the choir.)*

\*Sending Song *Because He Lives*

*Hallelujah Chorus*

\*Blessing

Postlude *He Lives*

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

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgists – Tony & June Williams; Video – Greg Vaughn; Prelude – Barbara Gossett & Rhonda Talsma; Flute Choir directed by Barb Nienhuis; Organist & Choir Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma; Choir Director – Rick 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 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 Easter Sunday**

Pastor Jeff Watson will be preaching from Matthew 28:1-10 titled "He is Risen!"

**Prayer & Praise** – following the service, if you would like to share a prayer request or praise, a Pastor and two elders are available in front of the organ.

### **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.

**No Middle & High School Sunday Connect & Youth Group today or April 7.**

**NEXT WEEK** Pastor Jeff Watson will be preaching from 1 Peter 1:3-12 titled "A Living Hope."

### **Stewardship Update:**

Offerings received March 24, 2024

Offering Plate: \$12,786.00

Online: \$ 7,078.00

**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:

- **Don Scovel** is awaiting next steps in his treatment.
- **Ethel Karsten** is recovering at home.
- **Don Alderink** is having surgery on April 3.
- **Brian & Brad Dykstra's sister Heather** is hospitalized in Colorado and has been added to the heart transplant list.
- **Ellie Mott** (Todd & Becca Hollen's niece) is home and the family would appreciate prayers for strength and nutrition for her brain cancer.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.**
- **Continued prayers for: Pat Stegehuis, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, and Jeremy Ross.**

### We extend condolences to:

- **The Carolyn Cole family** in the passing of her sister, Ruth Cole, on March 20.

### 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, Joyce VanderMarkt, 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 beautiful birthday cards, wishes and phone calls. Every day is a blessing. **Betty Isenga**

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

9:30am Eshter Circle

5:15pm Bells of Joy

### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

10:00-noon Spring Break Stay and Play

5:30pm Praise Team

6:30pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

**Esther Circle** – 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).

**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).

**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, April 15, at 7:27pm in the gym.

**WyldLife** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) – meets April 9, at 7:27pm, 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 Lounge. If you would like to return cans to put money in your student's youth account for future trips, contact Jon Hull.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Spring Break Stay and Play** – Join us for an open gym on Wednesday, April 3, from 10:00am – noon. Snacks provided. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**Young Adult Axe Throwing Event** – Young Adults (20 somethings) join us for a fun night of axe throwing at FlannelJax's in Grand Rapids on Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-6:30pm followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Cost is \$26 a person. Please sign-up at the Sign-Up Center or contact Pastor Melanie by Monday, April 15.

**Euchre Tournament Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser** - Saturday, April 20, 6:30 in the Lounge. \$20 at the door to play with money going towards the Youth Mission Trip in June. Anyone who plays Euchre can come for an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship while meeting new people. Sign up at the Sign-Up Center as a single to be paired with someone or as a couple/team. The youth will be providing desserts/snacks and drinks. Questions call Lynne Rosema (616-901-5784) or Jon Hull (517-803-5686)

**Spring Girls/Women's Brunch** – Saturday, May 11 in the Activity Center, 9:30-11:00am. Come celebrate Spring with other girls/ladies/women of God. You are welcome to come on your own or bring someone who is over the age of 7. Sign up at the Sign-Up center. If you have any questions, contact Lynne Rosema 616-901-5784 or (tlrosema@sbcglobal.net)

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

## 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** – Do you love to bake? We are in need of more cookies 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.