



THE RESURRECTED COMMUNITY

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
May 5, 2024

Prelude	<i>As the Deer</i>
Welcome	
*Song of Worship	<i>All the People Said Amen</i>
*Greeting	
*Songs of Worship	<i>Mighty to Save We Will Glorify</i>
Lord's Prayer	
Chancel Choir Anthem	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Scripture – Acts 11:19-30	
Sermon	“The Church in Antioch”
Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer	
Offertory Song	<i>Fantasia No. 1 in A Major</i>
Communion	
*Song of Worship	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
Announcements	
*Sending Song	<i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i>
*Blessing	
Postlude	<i>Revive Us Again</i>
<i>*All who are able, please stand.</i>	

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Liturgist – Kevin Meyer; Special Music – Jeffrey Allardyce, Barb Nienhuis; Choir Director – Rick Gossett, Choir 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 accessible off the Fellowship Room to tend to the needs of babies.

TODAY at First Pastor Jeff Watson continues the series called Resurrection Community. He will be preaching from Acts 11:19-30 titled "The Church in Antioch." There will be a Congregational meeting following worship where we will be electing elders and deacons. The following people are nominated:

Elders

Brian Boone
Kathy Carpenter
Brian Clark
Kris Dennett
Doug Diekman
Scott Farney
Susan Kooima
Larry Kuipers

Bob Poll
Bruce Slagter
Ken Smith
Bill Smitley
Kim Vaughn
Steve Watson
Glenn Zwart

Deacons

Frank Barone
Mike Brouwer
Robb DeVries
Garrett Farney
Austin Freeman
Zach Kallemeyn

Charlie Kleinheksel
Pam Ritsema
Masan Silva
Nate VanDyke

Last week of 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) 10:45-11:30am

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

Middle & High School Sunday Connect 10:45-11:30am in the Lounge.

Middle & High School Youth Group (6th-12th grades) 4:15-8:00pm

NEXT WEEK Pastor Jeff Watson continues the series called Resurrection Community. He will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 titled "Unique in Design, United in Purpose."

Church Facebook Group – Check out our new Church Facebook Group called "First Grandville Congregational Connection." Here you can see upcoming events, announcements, and links. You are also welcome to post prayer requests or look for a sub for an area you serve in. Questions? Contact Pastor Melanie.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received April 28, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 10,675.00

Online: \$ 2,954.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kay Versluis 85 on the 1st

Sally Wierda 82 on the 1st

Art Meyer 86 on the 7th

Bob Morehouse	85 on the 7 th
Kay TenHaken	90 on the 14 th
Mark Style	81 on the 16 th
Carol Waddell	84 on the 21 st
Vern Hoffman	90 on the 22 nd
Bernice Grooters	90 on the 24 th
Wayne Veneklasen	80 on the 30 th

Mission Partners of the Month

United Church Outreach Mission (UCOM) - UCOM is dedicated to making sure those in need of food assistance never have to go without. UCOM serves Grandville, most of Wyoming, and a portion of southwest Grand Rapids. Our church's food pantry items are delivered through UCOM for people who don't have transportation.

Gladys Thomas – Gladys leads the Foundation for the Children of Haiti, a Christian organization providing physical, emotional, and spiritual care to needy children in Haiti. Pray for her and her ministry work, as she recently had to evacuate her home country due to increased gang activity in her community.

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's** surgery was postponed as he is being treated for an infection.
- **Mike VanWyhe** is recovering from back surgery at Mary Free Bed.
- **Bob Schuitman** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Bob Waters** is home and continues to recuperate.
- **Carol Waddell** is awaiting heart surgery.
- **Brian & Brad Dykstra's sister Heather** had a heart transplant and is recovering in the hospital.
- **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 Ukraine and the Middle East.**
- **Continued prayers for: Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, 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), **Taran Silva** (Masan Silva's brother)

Please keep in your hearts, minds, and prayers:

Our **Family at Home members** - Eloise Anderson, Crystal Baum, Mary Lou Besteman, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, 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.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:00pm Worship Council
7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY

9:30am Esther Circle
7:27pm WylidLife

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study
5:30pm Praise Team
6:30pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

SATURDAY

9:30am Spring Girls/Women's Brunch

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Hand2Hand Updated needs – Each week we deliver food for 56 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.

Serve Day – Mark your calendars! Our next Grandville Serve Day will be Wednesday, July 24. All day long, we will have various opportunities for all ages and abilities to serve our community. We are currently working on a list of projects to do. Do you have a relationship with someone in the community that could use help with a project (i.e. landscaping, painting, a small construction project like building a ramp)? If so, please contact Pastor Melanie.

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

Middle & High School Youth Group (6th-12th grades) 4:15-8:00pm. Meet in the Lounge to go to Battle GR. Cost is \$20.

Young Life (9th-12th grades) – meets Monday, May 6, at 7:27pm in the Gym.

WyldLife (7th & 8th grades) – meets May 14, at 7:27pm at the Lauka's, 219 Regal Ct.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Eat and Connect is an opportunity for all ages to connect over a meal. Sign-ups are open April 28-May 20 at the Sign-Up Center. Each assigned group will plan to meet three times at a restaurant or home over the next 3 months. Sign-up as a single/couple; OR you can sign-up as a family. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in the church! Questions? Contact: Ashley VanDyk at (616-431-1717 or ashleysuevandyk@gmail.com) or Lynne Rosema (616-901-5784 or tlrosema@sbcglobal.net).

Spring Girls/Women's Brunch – Saturday, May 11 in the Activity Center, 9:30-11:00am. Come celebrate Spring. 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).

Small Groups – Will be starting up in the Fall. We are still working out the details. If you are interested in joining a small group in the Fall sign up at the Sign-Up Center or contact Deb Lidgard (delidgar@hpseagles.net).

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Esther Circle – will meet Tuesday, May 7 in the Education Room at 9:30am. Our Bible study is lesson 3, Wise – The Eyes of Faith in our Woman of God study book with Mary Etta Zwart leading the study. We will be meeting for a salad luncheon will follow the meeting. 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).