



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
May 12, 2024

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus/How Can I Keep From Singing/Praise Him*

Chancel Choir Anthem *Christ is Risen. Let All the Earth Adore Him*

Welcome

*Greeting

*Song of Worship *Rejoice the Lord is King*

Prayer of Ascension

Naomi: Today, we remember Jesus' ascension and his return to the Father.

Congregation: We remember that Jesus is with us always, even to the end of the age.

Pastor Melanie: We are called to carry on the mission that Jesus started- sharing his love, grace, and forgiveness with this world.

Naomi: As a congregation and a community of believers, we are called to work together in this mission.

Congregation: Each one of us is an important part of the body of Christ. Together, we are called to carry out God's kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor Melanie: Help us in this calling. Help us to love as you have loved, to serve as you have served, to show grace as you have shown us grace, and to be united.

Naomi: We ask this all in your name. Amen.

*Songs of Worship *Revelation Song*
Crown Him

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon "Unique in Design. United in Purpose"

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song *Jesus Strong and Kind*

Announcements

*Sending Song *All Hail Christ*

*Blessing

Postlude *They'll Know We are Christians*

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore, Matt Cook; Prelude & Postlude – Barb VanderHeide; Organist – Rhonda Talsma; Kids Choir Director – Barb Nienhuis, Kids Choir 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 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 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 titled "Unique in Design. United in Purpose." It is also Community Sunday (first Sunday of the month). This is a way to connect with people in our community, especially someone you might not know. Name tags are available on the tables in the Narthex and cookies will be served following the service in the Activity Center.

Nursery (birth – 3 year olds) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

NEXT WEEK Pastor Jeff Watson continues the series called Resurrection Community. He will be preaching from Ephesians 4:1-16.

The following were elected to Consistory starting in July 2024-June 2027:

Elders – Scott Farney, Susan Kooima, Larry Kuipers, Bob Poll. The alternate is Doug Diekman.

Deacons – Robb DeVries, Austin Freeman, Zach Kallemeyn, Charlie Kleinheksel. The alternate is Garrett Farney.

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: \$ 14,065.00

Online: \$ 5,757.00

Communion: \$ 1,610.00

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 7 th
Bob Morehouse	85 on the 7 th
Ken Viening	91 on the 9 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.

Congratulations to one of our mission partner – Jodi Oppenhuizen, who received her doctorate in Educational Leadership at Columbia International University – a Christian university in Columbia, South Carolina.

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:

- **David Timmerman** is home recovering from an outpatient heart procedures.
- **Gail Frens** remains hospitalized.
- **Don Scovel** is recovering from surgery.
- **Eloise Anderson** is recovering from a stroke at Mary Free Bed.
- **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.
- **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, Heather Dykstra, and Jeremy Ross.**

Please extend condolences and prayers to:

- **Todd and Becca Hollen and family**, in the death of their 21 year old niece, Ellie Mott. She passed away May 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), **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.

Pastor Melanie will be on vacation May 13-19. If anyone has an immediate need, they can reach out to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Matt.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:30pm Facilities Council
7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY

7:27pm WyldLife

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

SATURDAY

9:00am-1:00pm LaCasa Garage Sale Fundraiser

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Hand2Hand 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.

Hand2hand THANK YOU – Thank you to all who contributed or participated in hand2hand this year!

Those who have packed, picked up, delivered, donated food/dollars, made cards, or prayed, this ministry has touched the hearts and lives of as many as 58 kids at Century Park elementary *each week* with extra food for the weekend for those who may otherwise not have enough.

Watch for more information on our "Fill the Shelves" event later this summer as we prepare for next school year. If you'd like more information about how you can be involved in this community ministry, please contact Julie Ploeg, Kim Cline, Deb Timmer, or Kris Dennett or visit the Hand2Hand website:

h2hkids.org

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

Young Life (9th-12th grades) – meets Monday, May 13, at 7:27pm at the Connelly's, 376 Normandy Ct.

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!

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 19 – Graduation Sunday & Pentecost

June 2 – Profession of Faith Sunday

Ladies Golf – starts this Tuesday, May 14, 9:00am at the Pines Golf Course. Questions? Contact: Carol Stoel (616-901-2915).

LaCasa Garage Sale Fundraiser – Saturday, May 18, 9:00am-1:00pm, in the Family Life Center parking lot. They will be selling tacos.

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).

Neighborhood Nights -- Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-7:30PM. Kickoff the summer with our neighbors! Join us for dinner and an outdoor movie night. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring a lawn chair! Questions? Contact Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

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

MegaMen Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. Come for Bible study and fellowship. Contact: Dave Lidgard (dclidgard@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).