



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

**Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
May 19, 2024**

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past/Come People of the Risen King*

Welcome

Processional *Pomp and Circumstance*

*Song of Worship *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Greeting

Recognition of Graduates

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy!

People: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

People: Create in us a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

People: Open our hearts to Your great power and love.

Songs of Worship *Spirit of the Living God*
**Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

*Confession of Sin

Leader: We confess that we resist the work of Your Spirit among us and we are reluctant to spread the good news of Your love.

People: Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and draw us together by Your Spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News!

People: We are forgiven in Christ! God puts His seal on us and gives us his Spirit. Alleluia!

*Song of Response *Your Grace is Enough*

Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon *“Walk in Unity”*

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer
Offertory Song *Lord, I Need You*

Announcements

*Sending Song *Hymn of St. Patrick*

*Blessing

Postlude *How Excellent is Thy Name*

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook; Liturgist – Bob Stelma; Youth Director – Jon Hull; Worship Leader – Barb Nienhuis; Pianists – Barbara Gossett, Rhonda Talsma; Organist – Rhonda Talsma; String trio – Barb VanderHeide, Marilyn Brannen, Mal Brannen; Praise Team

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 Ephesians 4:1-6 titled "Walking in Unity."

Care and Connection – After worship we will be meeting upstairs to discuss ways that we can serve our congregation as we continue to grow together. You are invited to join us after worship in the room behind the balcony for a conversation.

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 begins a new series – Fruits of the Spirit. He will be preaching from Galatians 5:22-26.

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 May 12, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 14,178.00

Online: \$ 4,361.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

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:

- **Carol Jolink** is recovering from knee replacement.
- **Gail Frens** is recovering from surgery.
- **Don Scovel's** surgery went well and he is recovering.
- **Eloise Anderson** has moved to Aurora Pond.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.**
- **Continued prayers for: Mike VanWhye, Bob Schuitman, Bob Waters, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Lois Morehouse, Heather Dykstra, and Jeremy Ross.**

We extend condolences and prayers to:

- **The family and friends of Mary Zomerlei.** Mary passed away May 10.

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, and Trudie Wierda.

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

6:30pm Elders/Deacons meet
7:30pm Consistory

TUESDAY

9:00am Ladies golf

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

College Graduates – If you graduated from college this year and would like your name listed in the June 2 bulletin email deb@firstgrandville.org by May 28. Please include your name, college you graduated from, and your degree.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

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).

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

High School Youth Group Opportunity (including current 8th graders) – Cedar Point trip on Thursday, June 6! Sign up genius will be sent out. Cost is \$40. Venmo either Brian Breuker or Charlie Kleinheksel (@Brian-Breuker or @Charlie-Kleinheksel) by May 26. Meet at First Reformed Church at 5:30am to take the church bus and the bus will return around 11:30pm. Questions? Ask Jon Hull, Brian Breuker, or Abby Kleinheksel.

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

June 2 – Profession of Faith Sunday

June 9 – Installation/Ordination of Elders and Deacons

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

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 trosema@sbcglobal.net).

Prime Timers Day – South Haven, Wednesday, May 29, leaving at 10:30am. We will be having lunch at the famous Clementine's Restaurant and will have time to shop the stores. We will be taking the church bus. Must sign up by Sunday, May 26. Contact: Tymie Boeve (616-531-5700)

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).

Cran Hill camping weekend July 19-21, 2024 – We still have a few spots open for our church campout on July 19-2024. Please let me know soon as it is first come first served. This is a fun weekend to get to know other people from our church and LaCasa church. Cran Hill has lots of water activities as well as horseback riding, slingshots, riflery, high ropes course, tractor ride, group campfire, and breakfast together on Saturday morning. If you would like more info or to reserve your spot, please contact either Cheryl DeVries, 616-443-2002 youravoncheryl@gmail.com, or Tony Williams, 616-970-2221.

Sign Language Dance – Would you like to participate in our next sign language dance on June 30? Practices will be on Sundays after the worship service. No experience required. All ages are welcome. If interested, contact Pastor Melanie.

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).