

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL
GALATIANS 5:22-23

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
June 2, 2024

Prelude *Celebration Medley*

Welcome

*Song of Worship *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

*Greeting

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, we come before you and confess that we have not been patient and kind.

Congregation: Forgive us and fill us with your love.

Leader: We have insisted in having our own way and have failed to rejoice in the truth.

Congregation: Forgive us and fill us with your love.

Leader: Our faith is not always strong, our hope is sometimes lacking, our love is often misplaced.

Congregation: Forgive us and fill us with your love.

Leader: May God, who is love, grant us the joy of knowing him more each day, that we may reflect his glory in our world. May the faith, hope and love of our God and Father be with each of us this day, and forever.

Congregation: There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; the greatest of these is love.

Songs of Worship *The Stand*
Cornerstone

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Sermon "Love"

Profession of Faith

Baptisms

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song *I Belong*

Announcements

*Sending Song *God You're So Good*

*Blessing

Postlude *Great is the Lord*

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore; Liturgist – Scott Farney; Worship Leader – Ricardo Alfaro; 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 and cookies outside 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 Melanie Kilgore continues the series called Fruit of the Spirit. She will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 13 titled "Love."

We also are celebrating Baptism and Profession of Faith for Luke and Lexie Hendrixson and Profession of Faith for Natalie Breuker, Gavin Dailey, Rowen Donker, Reed Dykstra, Ellie Kleinheksel, Leah Kooima, and Rebecca Kooima.

It is also Community Sunday (first Sunday of every month). This is a way to connect with people in our community, especially someone you might not know. Name tags will be available on the tables in the Narthex and cookies served following the service.

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 – Fruit of the Spirit. He will be preaching from John 16:16-22 titled "Joy." We will be installing/ordaining the newly elected elders and deacons.

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 9 – Installation/Ordination of Elders and Deacons

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 26, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 14,450.00

Online: \$ 3,919.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jim Kuiper	86 on the 3 rd
Mary Lou Besteman	83 on the 4 th
Duane Frens	80 on the 5 th
Cecilia Brower	81 on the 8 th
Clark Matthews	86 on the 9 th
Marcia Blue	80 on the 15 th
Helen Huizenga	96 on the 19 th
Joan Koster	91 on the 19 th
Myrt Manders	82 on the 21 st
Bob Schuitman	84 on the 25 th
Jack DeRuyter	81 on the 26 th
Ruth Plaggemars	84 on the 29 th

Mission Partners of the Month

Jodi Oppenhuizen – Jodi is the director at the Christian International School of Prague. The school provides an affordable Christian education to students from all over the world.

Beyond 26 – is a faith-based organization that bridges the gap between local businesses and a community of job seekers with disabilities in Grandville and the wider West Michigan 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** is home recovering from surgery.
- **Eloise Anderson** as she continues to recover from a fall.
- **Youth Dominican Republic Mission Trip** – June 14-21, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **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 VanWyhe, Bob Waters, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Heather Dykstra, and Jeremy Ross.**

We extend condolences and sympathy to:

- **The family & friends of Bob Morehouse**, whose wife, Lois, passed away on May 26.

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) **Sylas Belden** (Ken & Barb VanderHeide's 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, Kay Mekkes, Bob 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.

THANK YOU...

...for the cards, meals and especially prayers during my recent surgery and hospital stay. We are a community of caring people. **Gail and Duane Frens**

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

9:00am Ladies golf – Contact: Carol Stoel (616-901-2915)
7:10pm Men's softball game at Hughes Park

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba

Congratulations to our college graduates:

Jeffrey Allardyce graduated this spring from Michigan State University with a Doctorate in Saxophone Performance and a Masters degree in Music Theory. He will be an interim professor for both topics, saxophone performance and music theory, at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City starting this fall.

Caleb Farney is a graduate of Grace College, Warsaw IN. He begins Dental school June 1st at Indiana School of Dentistry.

Karley Holleman graduated from Hope College with a civil engineering degree.

Madeline E. Kievit graduated from Hope College with a Exercise Science and Spanish degree.

Matt Muller graduated with honors from Hillsdale College with a Bachelor of Arts in Financial Management and a Latin minor.

Emily Nisper graduated from GVSU with her Bachelors in Sociology and in the fall will start her masters in social work at GVSU.

Noah Weigle graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry - DDS 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

Unknown Nations (formerly World Mission)- is looking for volunteers at their Grandville Legacy Thrift Store on Wed-Fri 10am- 5pm and Saturday 10am-3pm. Revenue from the stores supports solar-powered audio Bibles for unreached people nations around the globe. If you are interested, contact Jodie Alexiev (jodie.alexiev@unknownnations.com 616.649.8660).

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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).

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.

Cran Hill camping weekend July 19-21, 2024 – We still have a few spots open for our church campout. Spots are available 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, contact Cheryl DeVries (616-443-2002 youravoncheryl@gmail.com) or Tony Williams (616-970-2221).

Invitation to all singers – the Chancel Choir will have a Y'all Come Choir Sing in the service on August 18. The music will be a medley of four old-time gospel favorites. We will rehearse after the service on August 11.

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).