

**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 9, 2024**

Prelude *There is a Redeemer/Great is the Lord*

Welcome

\*Songs of Worship *House of the Lord*  
*Joy, Joy Joy, Joy Down in my Heart*

\*Greeting

Prayer of Joy

June: When we are weak, the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Tony: Let us not deny sadness, but transform it into fertile soil for more joy.

**Congregation: Let us not deny the darkness, but choose to live in the light.**

June: Cynics seek darkness wherever they go, but joy is the mark of the people of God.

Tony: Although there is plenty to be frightened of in this life, Lord, help us renew our minds until they default to joy and not fear.

**Congregation: Although there is darkness that can mislead us, help us believe that the Light can be trusted.**

June: Jesus, you are both the Man of Sorrows and the Man of Complete Joy. Help us to hold both sorrow and joy in the ways you've shown us.

**Congregation: Help us to remain in your love so that your joy may be in us and our joy may be complete. Amen.**

Songs of Worship *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
*Lord I Need You*

Scripture – Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon "Joy"

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer  
Offertory Song *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

Ordination/Installation of Elders & Deacons

Announcements

\*Sending Song *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*Blessing

Postlude *See, What a Morning*

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

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Liturgist – Tony & June Williams;  
Prelude/Postlude – Barbara Gossett; Offertory – Rick and 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 – Fruit of the Spirit. He will be preaching from John 16:16-22 on "Joy." We will be installing/ordaining the newly elected elders and deacons.

Elders being installed – Scott Farney, Larry Kuipers, Bob Poll

Susan Kooima will be ordained as an elder June 16.

Deacon being installed – Charlie Kleinheksel

Deacons being ordained – Robb DeVries, Austin Freeman. Zach Kallemeyn will be ordained June 16.

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

**Summer Sunday Connect** (Preschool-5th Grade) downstairs during the service TODAY!

**NEXT WEEK** Pastor Jeff Watson continues the series – Fruit of the Spirit. He will be preaching from John 20:19-22 titled "Peace." We will be ordaining one newly elected elder and deacon.

**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 June 2, 2024

Offering Plate:       \$ 9,640.00

Online:                 \$ 2,293.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

### **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:

- **Ron See** is in rehab at Mary Free Bed.
- **David Timmerman** is having a heart procedure on June 11.
- **Duane Frens** is recovering from a heart procedure.
- **Don Scovel** is home recovering from surgery.
- **Youth Dominican Republic Mission Trip** – June 14-21, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **Pine Ridge Mission Trip**- June 7-15. Pray for those who are participating in our Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Participants include: Frank, Michelle, Rachael & Hannah Barone; Mary Cook; and Aubrey & Jack Williams
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull's grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.**
- **Continued prayers for: Eloise Anderson, Mike VanWyhe, Bob Waters, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Heather Dykstra, 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), **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 all the cards, meals and especially the prayers following my knee replacement surgery. So glad to be part of a wonderful church family. **Carol Jolink**

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

6:15pm Men's softball game at Hughes Park  
6:30pm Facilities Council  
7:00pm Worship Council

### TUESDAY

9:00am Ladies golf – Contact: Carol Stoel (616-901-2915)

### WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study  
5:30pm Praise Team  
5:30-8:00pm Neighborhood Movie Night

### THURSDAY

9:00am Zumba  
10:00am Art in the Park at Wedgwood Park

## 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).

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

**Art in the Park** – Thursday, June 13, 10am-Noon at Wedgwood Park. All ages are welcome!

**Splash Pad Night** – Tuesday, June 25, 5:30-7:30pm at Rosewood Park. Pizza dinner and drinks will be provided. Please sign-up at the Sign-Up Center or RSVP to Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org) by June 23 to ensure that we have enough food!

**Cran Hill camping weekend July 19-21, 2024** – There are still 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. 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).