

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 16, 2024

Prelude *Reckless Love*

Welcome

*Songs of Worship *Graves into Garden*

*Greeting

Prayer of Peace

Kathy: We live in a culture where peace is often a stranger at odds with everything we see, everything we hear, even everything we say.

Congregation: Lord, remind us to look to you, to seek after your kingdom, and to be your people Of peace in a chaotic world.

Kathy: It can be easy to pull back, to walk away, and to ignore the many ways that the world is in a state Of upheaval.

Congregation: God, help us to not turn away, but to seek your promise of peace and restoration everywhere we go.

Kathy: Hear these words from 2 Corinthians 13: Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Amen.

Songs of Worship *Good Good Father*
It is Well With My Soul

Scripture – Ephesians 2:13-17

Sermon “Peace”

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song *Be Still My Soul*

Ordination/Installation of Elders & Deacons

Announcements

*Sending Song *‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*Blessing

Postlude

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Melanie Kilgore; Liturgist – Kathy Carpenter;
Prelude – Anna Brown, Offertory – Lou Stelma & Pastor Melanie

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 20:19-22 on “Peace.” We will be installing/ordaining the newly elected elders and deacons.

Elders being ordained – Susan Kooima

Deacon being ordained – Zach Kallemeyn

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 James 5:7-11 titled “Patience.”

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 9, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 8,764.00

Online: \$ 6,449.00

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.

THANK YOU...

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that it has awarded a total of \$23,500 in scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year. Congratulations to the sixteen recipients and thank you to the members who serve on the Scholarship Committee.”

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** recovering from a heart procedure.
- **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: Don Scovel, Eloise Anderson, Mike VanWyhe, Bob Waters, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Joyce VanderMarkt, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Heather Dykstra, and Jeremy Ross.**

Prayers for our campers this week:

- **Samuel Dykstra**

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.

Pastor Matt will be on vacation June 15-22.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth Group (incoming 9th graders – outgoing 12th graders) – Pool party/BarBQ, June 26, from 1:00-4:00 at 3501 Apache Ct. Bring a dish to pass (chips, veggies, cookies, etc.) Contact: Brian Breuker or Abby Kleinheksel.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:15pm Men's Softball Game at Hughes Park
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

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).

Grandville Serve Day Project Leaders – We are looking for project leaders for our various projects for Serve Day. Project Leaders work alongside Pastor Melanie to oversee a specific project (i.e. landscaping, painting, clean up, school projects, etc.) If you are interested in being a Project Leader, please contact Pastor Melanie.

Hand2hand – We are still collecting donations for hand2hand throughout the summer! 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.

Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Bible Runners – If you have any Bibles, new or used, in any condition that you would like to donate to the mission project, Bible Runners. Please drop them off at the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

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!

College Age Get Together – July 10, 6:00pm. Details coming soon.

Art in the Park – Thursday, July 11, 10am-Noon at Hagar Park. All ages are welcome!

Next Neighborhood Night – Wednesday, July 17, 5:30-7:30PM. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring a lawn chair for a water night! Questions? Contact Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

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 La Casa 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).

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.