



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church

March 8, 2026

Week 3 Lent

Prelude	<i>Worthy is the Lamb</i>
Chancel Choir	<i>Blest are They</i>
Welcome	
Greeting	
Songs of Worship	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i> <i>His Mercy is More</i> <i>The Heart of Worship</i>
Scripture – Matthew 7:1-6	
Sermon	“Speck or Beam?”
Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer	
Offering Music	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>
Announcements	
*Sending Song	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>
*Blessing	
Postlude	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>

Worship Leaders – Pastors Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore, Worship Leader – Rick Gossett; Accompanist – Rhonda Talsma; Prelude/Postlude – Pamela Slagter; Offertory – Mike Dertien

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! Join us for coffee in the Activity Center following worship!

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 will be continuing the series “Upside Down Living.” She will be preaching from Matthew 7:1-6 titled “Speck or Beam?”

Sunday Connect Schedule:

Nursery (2 year olds & under) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Toddler Worship (ages 2 & 3) – can be dropped off in the room next to the Nursery when you arrive.

Preschool Worship (ages 4 years – Kindergarten) can be dropped off downstairs in room #113 South when you arrive.

Sunday Connect – 10:45-11:30am

- 3years – Pre-K – Room 113S
- Kindergarten – 2nd grade – Room 110
- 3rd - 5th grade – Room 112
- Middle School – Room 113N
- High School – Room 108

Adult Sunday Connect – Pastor Jeff will lead a series called Jesus in Galilee.

2:00pm – **Middle & High School Youth Group** will be going to Winter Jam. There will not be **Middle & High School Youth Group** tonight.

NEXT WEEK – Pastor Jeff Watson will be continuing the series “Upside Down Living.” He will be preaching from Matthew 7:7-14.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

- **Terry Jolink** is hospitalized with pneumonia.
- **Bill VanHorn** began chemo.
- Vonda Style’s mom, **Katie**, is under the care of palliative hospice.
- **Millie Smith**, Stacy Brown’s grandma, is under the care of hospice.
- **Continued prayers for: Marie Roos, Marcia Brinks, Bob Waters, Ron See, Pam Jackman, Chuck & Orlene Porte, Linda Timmerman, Mike VanWyhe, Roy DeJonge, Meg Oskam, and Kevin Frens.**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck (Betty Isenga’s grandsons), **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** - Crystal Baum, Randy & Sue Kehr, Kay Mekkes, Joyce Moored, Orlene Porte, Kay TenHaken, and Joyce VanderMarkt.

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, consistory Vice President Lee Cook – 616-446-7880, or any of the other elders.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received March 1, 2026

Offering Plate: \$ 4,105.00

Online: \$ 4,229.00

Financial Questions – If you have any financial questions contact, Alex Timmer –
treasurer@firstgrandville.org

Mission of the Month

“S” & A – S & A are mission partners working with Interserve in a security-sensitive country located in Central Asia doing medical mission work.

Food Pantry – United Church Outreach Ministry (UCOM) – As one of the largest key resource centers in West Michigan, 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. We directly support UCOM through our food pantry that delivers food to neighbors in our community.

Church Emails – If you would like to receive church emails and updates, please contact the office (deb@firstgrandville.org).

Church Facebook group – Join our Congregational page to hear about updates through the week: “First Grandville Congregational Connection.”

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Hart	83 on the 1 st
Bruce Averill	83 on the 5 th
Betty Beemer	83 on the 8 th
Elaine Hudson	87 on the 9 th
Carol Verburg	87 on the 10 th
Joyce Moored	97 on the 12 th
Pat Stegehuis	87 on the 18 th
Betty Isenga	91 on the 18 th
Joyce Kingma	85 on the 27 th

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:27pm Young Life

TUESDAY

5:15pm Bells of Joy

7:27pm WyldLife

WEDNESDAY

6:00am	MegaMen Bible Study
9:30am	Women in the Word
5:30pm	Praise Team practice
5:30pm	Midweek Connect Meal – Chicken Carbonara
6:00pm	Midweek Kids Activities
6:30pm	Midweek Kids – Knitting/Crochet Group, Pickleball, Chancel Choir, Guitar Group

ONGOING MINISTRIES

MegaMen Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Lounge.

Contact: Dave Lidgard (dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma (mstelmau78@yahoo.com).

Esther Circle – This Tuesday, March 3, at 9:30am in the Upstairs Classroom. Come for coffee, fellowship, mission interests, and informal Bible study. Contact: Karen Diekema (616-644-0820).

Women in the Word – Wednesdays at 9:30am in the upstairs large classroom. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Books are available in the office for \$11. Contact: Marilyn Stelma (616-450-6008)

Men's Bible Study – will meet on Thursday, March 12, at Marge's Donut Den at 2:30pm. Our special speaker will be Harry Koops. His topic will be "What is Truth?" Contact: Chuck Porte(seaporte@sbcglobal.net).

LOOKING AHEAD

March 29 – **Palm Sunday/Profession of Faith Sunday**

April 2 – **Maunday Thursday Communion Service** – 7:00pm

April 5 – **Easter Sunday Service**

Introduction to Communion Class TODAY – If you child has expressed interest in learning more about what it means to take communion, meet Ms. Madelyn in the downstairs Assembly Room during the service. Breakfast provided. Contact: Madelyn Alfaro (madelyn@firstgrandville.org)

Adult Sunday Connect

March 15 & 22 – Dr. Suzanne McDonald from Western Seminary will be leading Adult Connect Class titled "In the End, What?! Thinking Well About Eschatology" – Responding to questions about 'the end times'; current events, will Jesus return soon, and being left behind. These sessions will give us a biblical perspective about the end times, the hope we have in Christ, and reflect on how eschatology makes a difference in our lives now.

New Member Class – a two-week class on Sundays March 15 and 22 taught by Pastor Jeff for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their church home. The class will be at 10:45am in Pastor Jeff's office. Contact: Jeff Watson (jeffw@firstgrandville.org).

Connect with Eight in March – Connect with others in the congregation over a meal. This has a different format than previous years. Sign up for one dinner on either March 19 or March 23. Please sign up at the Sign-Up Center before March 10 to be placed in a group of 7-8 other people (couples or singles). Questions: Lynne Rosema (616-901-5784)

College Scholarships - Scholarship forms are available in the office for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2026. Applications are due to the office no later than **Friday, April 10 at noon.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

Memorial Easter Plants - Potted spring flowers will be purchased to decorate the church for our Easter worship celebration. If you want to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory of a relative or friend, forms are available at the Sign-up Center. Please submit the form with \$15 per plant by March 22. Memorial recipients will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. After the Easter service, please take your plant home.

Nominations for 2026 Consistory – It is time once again to begin the process of nominating and electing new members for our Consistory. If you know someone who you feel has gifts for leadership as either an Elder or a Deacon, please place the name of that person in the nominations box located on the table in the Narthex. You may also speak to any member of the nominations committee - Lee Cook, Jon Curry, Jim Hawken, Harold Ludema, Brian Breuker, Rich Dragicevich, John Kievit, Alex Timmer. The Nomination Team will accept nominations from the congregation through March 15.

Freezer Meal Ministry – We are expanding our freezer meal ministry. If you are interested in helping make freezer meals for our church community when needs arise (this is in addition to the meal sign up for new babies). Please email Deb Lidgard: delidgar@gmail.com.

Sign Language Dance – Would you be interested in joining one of the the next sign language dances? Practices will be on Sundays during the Sunday Connect hour (for about 3 weeks). Beginners are welcome! If interested, contact Pastor Melanie.

Drummers Needed – We are looking for more drummers for our Praise Team. If you are a drummer or know a drummer who would be interested in playing in worship with us, please contact Pastor Melanie.

Food Pantry Needs canned fruit, canned meat, pancake mix, syrup, beef stew, crackers, Jell-O, pudding, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, shampoo, toothpaste, and bar soap. Please leave food in the cart located in the Activity Center.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

WINTER JAM TOUR | TODAY | 2-10pm | \$15

6-12th Grade students are invited to join us for contemporary Christian concert at Van Andel Area with artists like Anne Wilson, Matthew West, Hulvey, & more. Plus! There will be biblical teaching time with Pastor Zane Black. Meet at FRC at 2pm & we will arrive back around 10pm. It is a \$15 cash donation to enter & students should bring money (electronic: cards + apple pay) for food during the concert. Text Lauren ASAP if you will be joining us!

Please note, there will be NO youth groups today (March 8) - Winter Jam will be in place of them.

Student Leadership Breakfast | Thursday, March 12 | 6:30am | Youth Lounge

9-12th Graders are invited to join us for breakfast, Scripture, and Leadership Conversations!

Text Communications!

If you are a parent of a middle or high schooler, you are invited to join our GroupMe text chain. We will use this to give announcements, provide discipleship resources, & build parent connections. Find the link(s) to join on our LinkTree!

Stay Connected

Instagram: @frcmiddleyouth and @first_reformed_youth

Facebook: First Reformed Youth

LinkTree: www.linktr.ee/firstreformedyouth

Questions? Reach out to Lauren Abrell (lauren@firstgrandville.org or (630)750-6458)

YOUNGLIFE

Middle School WyldLife (7th & 8th Grade)

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:27pm

Facebook: Grandville WyldLife & Instagram: @gmswyldlife

High School Young Life (9th-12th Grade)

Monday, March 9 at 7:27pm | Twin Club | First Reformed Church

Facebook: Grandville HS Young Life & Instagram: @younglifeghs