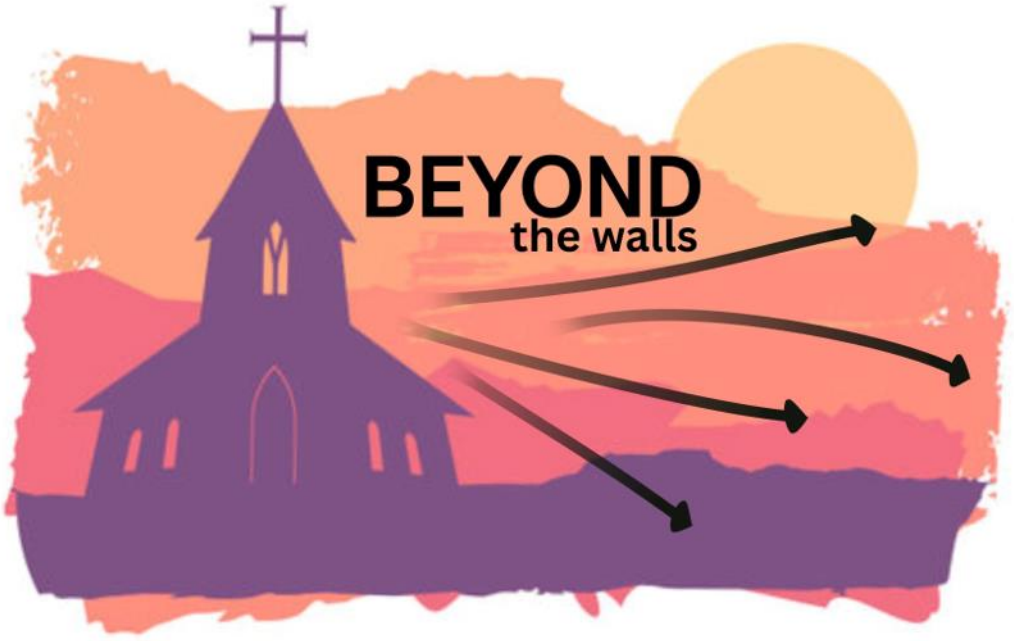

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
October 11, 2026

Prelude	*Stand Up for Jesus/Onward, Christian Soldiers*
Welcome	
Song of Worship	*Come Thou Fount*
Greeting	
Songs of Worship	*Abide* *From the Inside Out*
Baptism	
Scripture – John 15:1-17	
Sermon	Tending the Vines
Offertory	
Offertory Music	*You are the Vine*
Announcements	
Sending Song	*Lord I Need You*
Blessing	
Postlude	*Trumpet Voluntary*

Worship Leaders – Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Organist - Rhonda Talsma; Preaching - Kathy Carpenter

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 and cake to celebrate the baptisms next door in The Commons following worship!

Mother's Room – The Mother's Room is accessible off The Gathering Room to tend to the needs of babies.

TODAY at First – we will begin a new series on our Mission & Vision. Our VP of Consistory and Transformation Team Leader, Kathy Carpenter, will be preaching from John 15:1-17 titled "Tending the Vine." We will be baptizing Elliot James Kneibel, son of Mitch & Rachael and introducing for baptism Penleigh Violetta Darlene Pastoor, daughter of Dan & Erica.

During Worship:
Nursery (3 year olds & under) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.
Worship Toddler (ages 2 & 3) – can be dropped off in the room next to the Nursery when you arrive.
Worship Preschool (ages 4 years – Kindergarten) can be dropped off downstairs in room #113 South when you arrive.

Sunday Connect Schedule:
ALL students (Preschool -6th) will meet in the Assembly Room (downstairs) - they will be dismissed to grade specific classrooms from there! At 11:45am, parents will need to pick up their Preschoolers - 6th Graders from the specific classrooms listed below; 7-12th Graders will be dismissed on their own from their respective rooms.

- Pre-School & Kindergarteners will be reviewing A Beginner's Gospel Story (Room 113S)
- 1st-3rd will be discovering God's Faithful Promises (Room 118)
- 4-6th will be studying the Old Testament (Room 108)
- Adult Connect – A Preacher, a Prosecutor, a Politician and a Scientist walk into your Mind. The different approaches to disagreements. Join us for Adult Connect upstairs, as we learn how to be better Peace Makers.

6:15-8:00pm – **High School Youth Group** – see bulletin announcement

NEXT WEEK – we will continue the series on our Mission & Vision. Pastor Jeff Watson will be preaching.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS
For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

- **Denise Poll** is recovering from elbow surgery and a broken pelvis.
- **Mary Cook** (Lee Cook) is recovering from surgery.
- **Sharon Ludema** is recovering from hip replacement.
- **Maria Oskam** is at Railside.
- **Hans Dulimarta's mom** is stable and home in Indonesia.
- **P**lease pray for our **Transformation Team** and their work on a mission and vision for our church and our **Search Team for the Kid's Ministry Director.**
- **Continued prayers for: Kyle Klaassen, Don Kempema, John Boeve, Bob Schuitman, Pam Jackman, Bill VanHorn, Linda Timmerman, Mike VanWyhe, and Roy DeJonge.**

<u>Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:</u>
Jeremy Stegehuis, **Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **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, Joyce Moored, 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 Kathy Carpenter – 616-308-6095 – or any of the other elders.

Stewardship Update:

Offerings received October 4, 2026

Offering Plate:	$ 17,614.00
Online:	$ 5,416.00

Financial Questions – If you have any financial questions contact, Steve Westrick - treasurer@firstgrandville.org

Mission of the Month

James Sundararajan (RCA Global Mission) – James' ministry for the next 10 years is to work alongside partners to record and distribute the audio Bible in 90 new Indian languages. Many languages are presently being translated and we aim to work with translation agencies in recording the audio for these newly translated texts.

La Casa de mi Padre – La Casa de mi Padre is a multi-cultural Spanish-speaking congregation that embraces people of many different cultural backyards. They meet in the gym on Sundays and share our space on the south side of the building. We love worshipping together, eating together, and supporting each other's work.

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."

Elders

Brian Boone
Kathy Carpenter
Brian Clark
Doug Diekman
Scott Farney
Susan Kooima
Larry Kuipers
Adam Lancto
Bob Poll
Doug Timmer
Steve Watson

Deacons

Mike Brouwer
Stacy Brown
Robb DeVries
Austin Freeman
Zach Kallemeyn
Charlie Kleinheksel
Katie Purser
Shannon See
Annie Venema
Steve Westrick
Aubrey Williams

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
5:20pm MidWeek Connect meal – Ham Dinner
5:30pm Praise Team
6:00-7:30pm Kids' programming (includes Kids' Choir)
6:00-7:30pm Middle School Youth Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

THANK YOU to all that brought food for the La Casa meal last Sunday! It was a great day!

Missing Kitchen Items – The kitchen is missing some square pans and a large salad bowl. If you borrowed them please return it ASAP. If you borrow items from the kitchen please sign them out in the office.

Missing – One of our piano benches is missing! If you have any information or knowledge regarding the whereabouts of this piano bench, please call the church office. It went missing around September 24.

LOOKING AHEAD

Hand2Hand "Stock the Shelves" Event – Help us "stock the shelves" as we prepare for another school year providing weekend food backpacks for participating students at Century Park Learning Center! There is a paper on the Hand2Hand table in the Narthex with suggested items. You can bring those items in any quantity to the church anytime during the month of October. Designated cash/check offerings or grocery gift cards are also welcome. There will be bins in the Gathering Room on which to place your items. Join us as we become the "hands" of Christ for these kids and their families!

Family Night at Millenium Park October 15 from 5:30-7:00pm. Pizza provided! Sign up with the QR Code or at the Sign-Up Center:

New Member Class – New Member two-week class will be held TODAY and next week Sunday. Class will be taught by Pastor Jeff for those interested in considering First Reformed Church as their potential church home. The class will be at 10:45am in Pastor Jeff's office and will include childcare. Contact: Pastor Jeff (jeffw@firstgrandville.org).

Dutch Apple Pie Fundraiser | $25/pie or $60/3 pies | Youth Ministry
Help our high school youth ministry students fundraise for summer trips and fall/winter retreats! They will be selling Dutch Apple Pies from Oct. 14 until Nov.13! Reserve your pie(s) at the Sign-up Center or by scanning the QR code. Payments can be completed before or at pick-up. You must pick up your pie(s) from the Activity Center on Sat., Nov 21 from 12-2pm. Questions? Reach out to Lauren Abrell at lauren@firstgrandville.org.

GIVE & SERVE

Hospitality Help – We're looking for volunteers to help with hospitality throughout the year! Opportunities include Sunday morning coffee clean-up, bringing in cookies, plating cookies for special occasions, and helping serve special meals. If you enjoy helping behind the scenes and making others feel welcome, we'd love to have you join us! Sign-up at the Sign-Up Center. Contact: Sandy Morris (jskmorris@yahoo.com)

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.

Wycliffe Stamp Ministry – Please save your canceled and uncanceled stamps for Wycliffe Associates. All stamps work, even non-profit stamps. Just cut them out so that there is at least ½ inch around the stamp. Volunteers at Wycliffe will trim them closer. This stamp ministry helps to support a different mission project each year. Stamp collections are also welcome. The donation box is in the Fellowship Room under the mailboxes. Contact: Doris Kuipers (616-617-0231)

Military Collage – A new collage frame for the serving military personnel is being provided. If you have a family member that is serving, please provide a photo to be included with their name and rank. Contact: Myrt Manders (616-634-1186)

ONGOING MINISTRIES

MegaMen Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Lounge.
Contact: Dave Lidgard (dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma (mstelmau78@yahoo.com).

Men's Bible Study – Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at Marge's Donut Den at 2:30pm. Contact: Chuck Porte (seaporte@sbcglobal.net).

Women in the Word – Bible Study for women of all ages. Wednesdays 9:30am in the large classroom upstairs. We are studying Isaiah. Study books are available in the church office for $10.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

TONIGHT | High School Serve Night | 6:30-8pm | Drop-off & Pick-up @ FRC

ALL high school students & their friends are invited to join us for a serve night with ICCF. We will meet at church and take the bus to a home in Wyoming, MI. We will do yard work, cleaning, and more (so dress accordingly)! Come at 6:15pm for pizza.

Middle School Youth Group | Wednesday, October 14 | 6-7:30pm | Lounge

All middle school students & their friends are invited to join us for dessert, games, biblical teaching, & LifeGroups. We will discuss God's forgiveness (John 18:15-27). *6th Graders will join us in the lounge after Kids' Choir practice is over.*

Profession of Faith - Interest Form due Nov. 1

Profession of Faith is a milestone journey where students (7th - 12th Grade) publicly declare their commitment to following Christ and embracing the teachings of the Christian faith. The act of professing faith builds upon the RCA order for the Sacrament of Baptism and the theological framework of Romans 10:9-11. All who profess their faith become communicant members of the Church. Do you want to make Profession of Faith? Use the QR code to fill out the interest form!

Stay Connected

GroupMe Text Communication - link to join on our LinkTree
Instagram: @frcmiddleyouth and @first_reformed_youth
Facebook: First Reformed Youth
LinkTree: www.linktr.ee/firstreformedyth
Questions? Reach out to Lauren Abrell (lauren@firstgrandville.org or (630)750-6458)

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High School Young Life (9th-12th Grade)
Monday, October 11 at 7:27pm | Twin Club | First Reformed Church
Facebook: Grandville HS Young Life & Instagram: @younglifeghs

Middle School Wyld Life (7th & 8th Grade)

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:27pm | First Reformed Church
Facebook: Grandville WyldLife & Instagram: @gmswyldlife

Want to get connected to Young Life at your school? Talk to Lauren Abrell for more info!