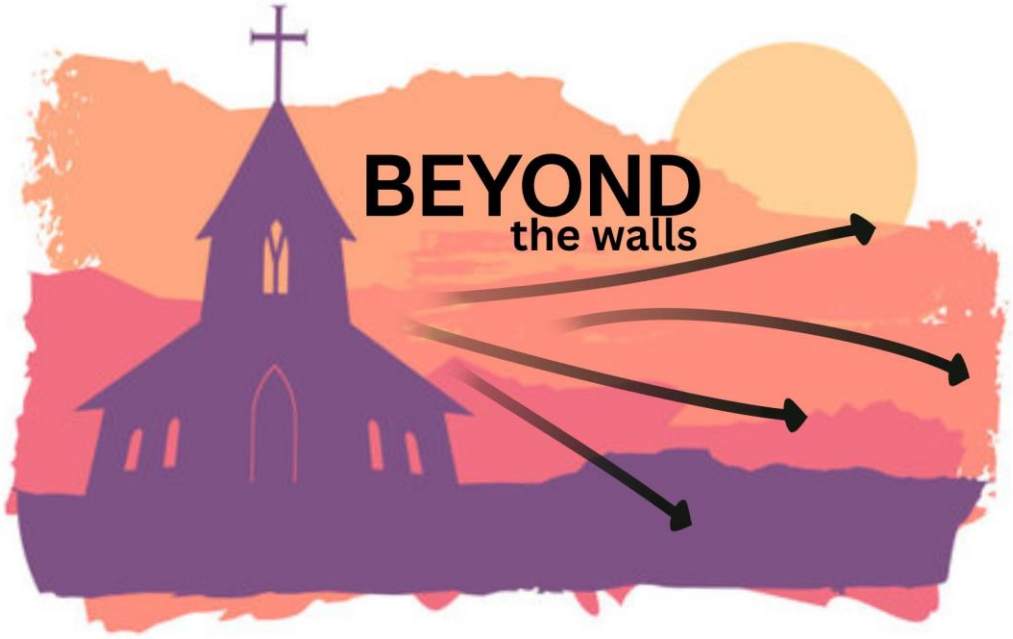

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
October 18, 2026

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Welcome

Chancel Choir *Seek and Ye Shall Find*

Greeting

Song of Worship *It Really is Amazing Grace*

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Kathy: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

All: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight In your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Song of Worship *Build My Life*

Scripture – Mark 1:16-20

Sermon Following Jesus

Offertory

Offertory Music *How Good God is*

Announcements

Sending Song *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

Blessing

Postlude *Just a Closer Walk*

Worship Leaders – Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Prelude – Bells of Joy; Choir & Bells of Joy Director – Rick Gossett; Worship Leader – Tony Williams; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink

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 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 continue the series on our Mission & Vision. Pastor Jeff Watson will be preaching from Mark 1:16-20 titled "Following Jesus."

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 – Dances with Foes, how to win debates and influence people. Join us for connection class upstairs after church service (10:45) to learn how to be better peacemakers.

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.
- **Sharon Ludema** is recovering from hip replacement.
- **Maria Oskam** is at Railside.
- **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.**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:
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 11, 2026

Offering Plate:	$ 4,910.00
Online:	$ 4,957.00

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 backgrounds. 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."

THANK YOU…

…We would like to thank everyone for their prayers regarding our safe travels to Indonesia and my mother's health. Your continued support means so much to us. **Hans & Liana Dulimarta**

…for the cards and prayers as I continue to recover from surgery. I appreciate them all! **Mary Cook**

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

6:30pm	Elders/Deacons meet
7:30pm	Consistory
7:27pm	Young Life

TUESDAY

5:15pm	Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY

6:00am	MegaMen Bible Study
9:30am	Women in the Word
5:20pm	MidWeek Connect meal – Chicken Carbonera
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

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.

GIVE & SERVE

Food Pantry Delivery Drivers Needed – We need one or two individuals/couples willing to deliver food from our church's food pantry to those in need of food. Volunteers are scheduled twice a month, and we can work with your availability. You only deliver when contacted by UCOM with a delivery request—if you aren't contacted, there is no delivery that month. If you're interested in helping with this simple but meaningful ministry, please contact Pastor Melanie (melanie@firstgrandville.org) or Kelly Kievit (kievit.kelly@gmail.com).

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)

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

Women's "Rooted" Bible Study – Wednesdays 6:30pm. This weekly Bible study will be working through the book *Rooted*. Contact Esther Pewterbaugh (626-246-5758) or Mary Cook ((616) 295-8568) if you are interested in attending so we can purchase materials. Feel free to ask questions as we work together to see what the bible study will look like each week. Start Date: TBD

Maple Tree Preschool Fundraiser – We're Raising Dough! Support our fundraiser at Panera Bread on October 20 from 4:00-8:00 PM! Use code FUND4U when ordering at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe. If you're ordering at the counter, simply show the flyer (on the table in the Narthex or Welcome Center) to your cashier. Every bite helps us — thank you for your support!

Serve & Connect - Sunday, November 1, during our Sunday Connect hour (10:45–11:45am), everyone is invited to take part in an hour of serving our community and loving our neighbors. There's something for all ages and abilities: Freezer Meals, Raking, Kids Craft Kits.

Pigs-in-the-blanket – The Esther Circle will be making pigs-in-the -blanket. The cost is $15 per package of 6. They will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 13, from 11:30am-1:00pm, and after worship on Sunday, November 15. Please place your order on the sign-up sheet at the Sign-Up Center by Sunday, November 8.

Cran Hill Camping – Signups for Cran Hill camping weekend July 16-18, 2027, are going on now for all interested families from First Grandville. We love to have new people join us. Please sign up at the Sign-Up Center or contact Cheryl DeVries (616-443-2002 or youravoncheryl@gmail.com). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 4th. You will receive a link and QR code to pick your campsite from the list of sites and pay Cran Hill.

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!

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? Lauren Abrell (lauren@firstgrandville.org).

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 Youth Group | 6:30-8pm | Lounge
ALL High School students & their friends are invited to join us for a regular youth group night - dinner, games, biblical teaching, & LifeGroups! We will discuss Matthew 5.

Middle School Youth Group | Wednesday, October 21 | 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 framework of Romans 10:9-11. All who profess their faith become theological members of the Church. communicant

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)

GRANDVILLE YOUNGLIFE

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

Monday, October 19 at 7:27pm | Groutfit Club | The Messina's House (3821 Sylvan Ct SW)
Facebook: Grandville HS Young Life & Instagram: @younglifeghs

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

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:27pm | The Adams's House (353 Ridgeside Ct)
Facebook: Grandville WyldLife & Instagram: @gmswyldlife

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