FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Grandville, Michigan

Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

Prelude	*Heart of God Medley*
Sign Language	*House of the Lord*
Welcome	
Greeting	
Songs of Worship	*All Creatures of Our God and King* *Promises*
Scripture – Mark 1:9-11	
Sermon	Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Offertory	
Offertory Music	*Trinity Song*
Announcements	
Sending Song	*King of Kings*
Mission Moment Video	
Blessing	
Postlude	*How Majestic is Your Name*

Worship Leaders – Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Sign Language - Hannah Barone, Rachael Barone, Stacy Brown, Pastor Melanie Kilgore, Evie Stadt, Annie Venema; Prelude/Postlude - Barbara Gossett; Liturgist - Lauren Abrell; All Saints Reader - Kathy Geurink; All Saints Ringer - Becca Hollen

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! If you are participating in the Serve & Connect Sunday, grab some donut holes in The Commons and wait for directions.

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 the Belhar Confession. Pastor Jeff Watson will be preaching. It is also Community Sunday. Please fill out a nametag on the table in the Narthex

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.

10:45-11:45am – **Serve & Connect Sunday** – Join us for one of our community opportunities! Grab some donut holes in The Commons and wait for directions. We are still looking for volunteers for raking and Maple Tree Family Advent Kits. Questions contact Pastor Melanie.

6:30-8:00pm – **High School Youth Group** – see bulletin announcement

NEXT WEEK – we will continue the series on the Belhar Confession. Pastor Matt Cook 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.
- **Maria Oskam** is at Railside.
- Please 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, 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).

<u>Please keep in your hearts, minds, and prayers:</u>
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 18, 2026

Offering Plate:	$ 7,429.00
Online:	$ 3,669.00

Year to date through 9/30/26

Income:	$760,924.00
Expenses:	$794,624.00

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

Mission of the Month

Gabriel B – Gabriel works in church planting, evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development through Unknown Nations with the goal of planting 4,000 churches in 3 years. This project uses humanitarian aid (mobile medical clinics, clean water wells, food staple distribution, and friendship evangelism) to open hearts to Jesus.

YWCA Sojourner House (formerly Domestic Crisis Center) – A short-term emergency center for families escaping domestic violence in Grand Rapids. Sojourner House provides a healing environment for those leaving a dangerous intimate partner violent situation. Providing childcare, therapy, and safe secure rooms, this home gives victims the ability to find jobs, apply to school, and find a new place to live. First Grandville's Thanksgiving Drive goes directly to the Sojourner's House.

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…

…for the thoughts & prayers following my recent surgery. **Sharon Ludema**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Ferris	87 on the 2nd
Andrea Kragt	83 on the 6th
Chuck Porte	90 on the 11th
Jim Ringold	81 on the 13th
Gerald Brouwer	90 on the 22nd
Bob Holwerda	83 on the 25th

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

5:15pm	Bells of Joy

WEDNESDAY

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

Wedding Coordinator – We are looking for a wedding coordinator to help couples celebrate their special day! If you enjoy helping things run smoothly and would be interested in serving couples in this way, we'd love to hear from you. This is a paid position. Please contact Deb for more information or to express your interest. Contact: Deb (deb@firstgrandville.org).

LOOKING AHEAD

November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00pm
November 29 – Advent Festival – 3:00-5:00pm (for all ages!)
November 27 – Deliver Thanksgiving food to Sojourner House – 9:00am
December 6 – Special Christmas Musical Event by our Kids and Choirs – 9:30am
December 13 – Congregational meeting – 10:30am
December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm
December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 11:00pm

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

Adult Ed – First Reformed Church continues to grow young! On November 8 and 15, come learn about the hopeful new trends that are emerging among young people today when it comes to faith, life, and making meaning in the world. Rev. Anna Radcliffe, Chief Ministry Officer for the RCA, will share about her own research as well as what has been emerging from other organizations like Fuller Youth Institute and Barna Group.

Serve & Connect – **TODAY** 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 will be service projects in the basement for kids and youth. Other opportunities still available: Raking, Advent Kits for Maple Tree Preschool families.

Pigs-in-a-blanket – The Esther Circle will be making pigs-in-a -blanket. Cost is $15 per package of 6. Pick-up on Friday, November 13, from 11:30am-1:00pm, or after worship on Sunday, November 15. Please place your order on the sign-up sheet at the Sign-Up Center by Sunday, November 8. The money from the pigs this year will be used for projects within our church.

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 – **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!** We will be collecting for the rest of the year in the box in the Narthex!

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 (davelidgard@gmail.com) 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 + Gym
ALL high school students & their friends are invited to join us for dinner, games, Biblical teaching, & LifeGroups! We will ask & answer the question, What is Worship? Meet in the Lounge!

TONIGHT | High School Summer 2027 Trip Interest Meeting | 8-8:15pm | Lounge
The students have voted! Our Summer 2027 discipleship trip will be a domestic mission trip to Nashville, TN, with C.S.M. (City, Service, Misson). ALL 9th-12th graders & their friends (based on the 2026-27 school year) are invited to join us! The estimated cost for this trip is **$650** & the dates are **June 13-19, 2027!** Can't make it to our student and parent interest meeting tonight? Registration is open - sign up NOW using the link in our LinkTree (www.linktr.ee/firstreformedyth).

Middle School Youth Group | Wednesday, November 4 | 6-7:30pm | Lounge
All middle school students & their friends are invited to join us for dessert, games, & biblical teaching. We will begin a series on what it means to be made for community. *6th Graders will join us in the Lounge after Kids' Choir practice is over.*

Profession of Faith - Interest Form due TODAY!
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)

GRANDVILLE YOUNGLIFE
High School Young Life (9th-12th Grade)
Monday, October 26 at 7:27p | Costume Club | First Reformed Church (3060 Wilson Ave)
Facebook: Grandville HS Young Life & Instagram: @younglifeghs

Middle School Wyld Life (7th & 8th Grade)
Tuesday, October 27 at 7:27p | 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!

GIVE & SERVE

Thanksgiving Food Collection – November 1 - 25, we will be collecting non-perishable foods and care items (see list below) for the Sojourner Domestic Crisis Home (YWCA) in Grand Rapids. Please place donated items on the Sanctuary steps. Donated items can also be brought forward during our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm. If you need assistance bringing items to the front, please reach out to a staff or consistory member. Donated items will be delivered to Sojourner House on Friday, November 29. Anyone is welcome to help load the bus at 9:00am or deliver and unload the items at Sojourner House around 9:30am!

Advent Festival help – It is crazy to think that we are already beginning to prepare for the Christmas Season and plan Advent Festival! Advent Festival has been a long-standing event at FRC where families (of all ages) can gather and kick-off the Holiday season together with snacks, crafts, and a biblical lesson on the birth of Christ. This year, we are hosting Advent Festival on **Sunday, November 29 from 3-5pm** in the Activity Center. At 4:30pm, we will have kids and families gather in the Sanctuary for a Christmas sing-along, picture book story, and Christmas tree lighting.
Here are the roles we need volunteers for...
2-3 Greeters/Floaters
4 Craft Table Hosts
1-2 Advent Take Home Gift Givers
If your family would like to "own" a role or if you have a high schooler who would like service hours, just let us know and we can make it happen! Contact – Deb (deb@firstgrandville.org) or Lauren (lauren@firstgrandville.org).

Thanksgiving Offering – Month of November- In previous years, our Thanksgiving Offering began during the Thanksgiving Eve service. This year, we're extending the offering throughout the entire month of November so that we can support these local and global ministry partners without competing with year-end giving. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the eight ministries with a gift of any amount. Our goal for this year's offering is $20,000. Thank you for your generosity and for helping these ministries make a difference near and far!

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)