



MIDDLEBURG FREE GRACE

REFORMED CHURCH

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known



Pastor Mark Schwarz

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Worship in Song and Praise – Praise Team

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

One Thing Remains

How Great Is Our God

Opening Prayer

Infant Baptism – Camry Joy Garris

Special Ministry of Music – Skylar & Austin Garris & Cousins

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 635 (vs,1-3) *In The Garden*

(General Fund Offering)

Word of God

Message – *The Great Marriage Conspiracy!*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

Song of Response # 638 (vs 1-2) *I Need Thee Every Hour*

(Special Offering for Talking Bibles Int'l)

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 638 (vs.4) *I Need Thee Every Hour*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

A hearty welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all who worship with us on this Lord's Day. Are you visiting Free Grace Reformed Church today? We're glad you're here and we hope you will come again soon. Take time after the service to greet others. We encourage you to make an effort to step out of your "comfort zone" and talk to those that you may not know as well as your usual circle of friends!

Today we celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Baptism of Cambry Joy Garris, infant daughter of Chris & Vicki Garris. We gather with the Garris Family at the baptismal font to remember God's gracious covenant promises for their daughter. We welcome the family and friends who have come to rejoice with them on this very special occasion.

Thank you to Skylar & Austin and their cousins for singing “Children of the Heavenly Father” following Cambry’s baptism. Also thanks to the Praise Team members as they lead us in song and worship.

Our special offering for Talking Bibles Int’l will be received during the singing of the Song of Response. Their mission is to give non-readers and the blind access to a Bible in their native language which stems from a strong conviction that everyone in the world needs access to the Bible.

If you are a visitor today, please fill out a “Welcome to the Family” card located by the sanctuary doors and drop it in the basket on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall. We are glad you have come to worship with us!

We invite everyone worshipping with us to come to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and lemonade following the worship service.



Sunday School classes begin today with a balloon launch! Students are asked to find their teacher in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. See the bulletin insert for the list of the classes and teachers. Everyone is invited to come outside and join us as we launch our balloons!

Today’s Worship Attendants:

Organist – Nevonne S	Sound Tech – Bryce H
Power Point – Nelva H	Children’s Message – Pastor Mark
Coffee Maker – Grace VZ	Ushers – Dilan M & George M
Prayer Team – Harlan H & Brad W	
Nursery Attendants – Julie S & Jasmine DJ	
Ministry of Music – Chad Kooikers	

Today at 11:00 AM - Life Group Facilitator Meeting in the north room. Life Groups will meet next Sunday for our first meeting of the new season. If you are still interested in being a part of a group, please talk to Pastor Mark or Barby.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Ed Bakker, Ryan's father, who was admitted to the hospital this past weekend suffering from a gallbladder infection and septic shock. He is also on dialysis which affects his blood pressure. Please continue to pray for him and his family as he is in a very weakened condition.
- Greg Majerus, Tyler's father, who is recovering from his injuries. He has his jaws free again which are very stiff after seven weeks. Pray that he will soon be able to eat and drink following a swallow test next week.
- James Knevelbaard as he prepares for surgery for his cancer hopefully next week.
- Our "home-bound" members of our congregation: Lucille Van Zee, Harriet Vander Zwaag, Cleo & Joyce Te Slaa, and Ken Bloemendaal.
- Also remember Rpgger Anderson, Barbara Draayer, Pastor Mark, Danielle Kooiker & family, Wayne Meerdink, Travis Stoker, John Boer, and Little Leo Boer your prayers each day.

Congratulations to Darren & Kate Broersma on the birth of their twins, Jovi Gayle and Jacob Clarence, who arrived on Saturday, September 4. They both are in the NICU in the Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls and will remain there for a few weeks. Continue to pray for these little ones as they grow in the coming weeks and also for Darren & Kate as they travel to be with their new family. A baby basket is located on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to donate to this family as a blessing from Free Grace Reformed Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE CONSISTORY: A letter with information and instructions regarding nomination procedures for two elders and two deacons for three year terms beginning 2022 was placed in your mailboxes last week. You may nominate up to four candidates for each office on the ballot provided. Please return your ballots in the box located on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, October 4. There are extra letters and nomination ballots also located on the table.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Babysitters for the Sunday evenings that the Life Groups meet, location to be determined. Contact Barby Schwarz or Betty Moss.
- Praise Team is looking for members who are willing to sing, play an instrument, cajon, piano or participate with them in any way. Please contact Barby Schwarz.
- Anyone interested in being a part of a skit or drama in future worship services, please contact Barby Schwarz or Tayla Kleinwolterink.
- Ushers for our morning worship services. If you are willing to help in this service, please contact Carol Oolman.

Operation Christmas Child: With school supplies on sale, now is the time to collect pencils, pencil sharpeners, paper and colors. Remember items must fit in a shoe box. There will be a table in the Fellowship hall to drop off your donations. We will be collecting items through November.

Wednesday thru Friday, Sept. 15-17 - Bake Sale for the Christian Education Fund will be held at the Wielenga Home located at 1838 6th Ave SE, Sioux Center, from 1:00-6:00 PM each day. *Stop by and grab some goodies.* If anyone would like to donate baked goods, please contact Gina Meerdink or Andrea Wielenga.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Sept. 13 @ 6:30-8:30 PM – Biblical Citizenship Class for both men and women will meet at Beth Kooiker's home. See detailed announcement that follows.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study on life of Elijah. Contact Beth or Minerva Kooiker if you are interested in this Bible study program.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 @ 6:00 AM – Men's Bible Study.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 @ 9:00 AM – Bible Study at Lucille Van Zee's home. We will be studying "Growing Through Life's Challenges." Please contact Brenda Kooiker if you would like to join this Bible Study.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 19

Pastor Mark's Message – *Love That Lasts for a Lifetime*

Offering – General Fund

Worship Attendants:

Organist – Nora V

Sound Tech – Loren TS

Power Point – Nelva H

Children's Message – Kaylee M

Coffee Maker – Minerva K

Ushers – Billy K & Larry VW

Prayer Team – Ken G & Justin R

Nursery Attendants – Kristen D & Jada K

Ministry of Music – Wayne Vander Matens

Children & Worship will begin next Sunday. Little Lambs will be meeting. Nelva H will be the storyteller and Beth K & Jasmine DJ will be the greeters.

LIFE Groups will begin their new season. See the notice you received in your mailboxes as to the place and time of your group's meeting.

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, Sept. 20 @ 6:30-8:30 PM – Biblical Citizenship Class for both men and women will meet at Beth Kooiker's home.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study on life of Elijah. Contact Beth or Minerva Kooiker if you are interested in this Bible study program.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 @ 6:00 AM – Men's Bible Study.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 @ 7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Activities.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 @ 8:05 PM – Worship Committee Meeting.

Sept. 13-Nov. 1 - Biblical Citizenship Class – Beth Kooiker will be offering an eight week Biblical Citizenship class in her home on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. This class is open for both men and women and does not tell anyone who to vote for. It is led by Rick Green, David Barton and Tim Barton and gives Biblical, Historical and Constitutional rights and responsibilities of every citizen. It is presented on video in a very easy to understand and entertaining way. Some of the guest speakers are Kirk Cameron, George Barna, Pastor Jack Hibbs, Pastor Rob McCoy and Michelle Bachman. Please contact Beth if you would like to come or if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This Evening, Sept. 12 at 6:30 PM – Newkirk Reformed Church invites you to a Night of Music. Come and join them for a program of praise and worship through music. A freewill offering will be accepted in the baskets as you enter the sanctuary. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship after the program. Some musical guests include Teresa van Sloten & Sheila Van Zevenbergen, piano and organ duet; Rochelle (DeHaan) Gewecke, pianist, & Jessie Huitink, soloist; Tim & Heather Korver, trumpet duet; Amanda Henning, from George, pianist, Voices of Praise Quartet and others. They would love to have you share in this special service!

Monday PM & Tuesday, Sept. 20 & 21 – Bible League's "Spreading the Fragrance of Life" Tri-State Conference at the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. You are invited to join them for the Monday evening dinner at 6:30 PM, and a daylong conference on Tuesday beginning at 9:20 AM. See the brochures in your mailboxes for registration details or online at bibleleague.org/tickets. Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt is the featured speaker. She is an author, speaker and leadership consultant with 30 years of experience.

Love Inc of Sioux County is looking for volunteers for the Rides of Love ministry to occasionally provide rides to medical or mental health appointment for member of our community, who are in need of transportation. Please call Love Inc at 712-476-5990 for more information and to be added to our call list of volunteer drivers.



Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM
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The Great Marriage Conspiracy!

Genesis 3:1-19

Background: God designed a perfect marriage for Adam and Eve but their disobedience to God damaged their relationship permanently.

Fear is the root of most marriage problems!

Three Ways Fear Wrecks A Marriage:

When we fear our _____ we become defensive!

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me-she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (vs. 11-13)

When we fear our _____ we become distant!

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. (vs. 7)

When we fear our _____ we become demanding!

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." (vs 16)

How To Face Our Fears?

Be honest with _____!

Proverbs 28:13 1 John 1:8 Psalm 19:12

Be honest with _____! 1 John 1:9 Proverbs 11:2

Be honest with your _____! James 5:16

Faults	Yourself
Feelings	God
Freedom	Spouse