



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, October 24, 2021

Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Worship in Song and Praise

10,000 Reasons

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Ancient Words

Opening Prayer

Children's Message – Rus Verburg

Announcements

Special Music – Tara Kooiker

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 572 (vs.1&3) *Blessed Assurance*

(General Fund Offering)

Little Lambs are dismissed for Children & Worship

Word of God

Message – *Guilt & Grace!*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

*Song of Response # 351 (vs.1-2) *Amazing Love*

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 351 (v.3) *Amazing Love*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first time or long time worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome to all of you today! We're so glad you came to join us!

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

Singing Time for 3 year olds thru 6th grade immediately after the service.

Today's Worship Attendants:

Organist – Nevonne S Sound Tech – Bryce H
Power Point – Gina W Ushers – Brad W & Harlan H
Coffee Maker – Grace VZ Children's Message – Rus V
Prayer Team – Ken G & Justin R
Nursery Attendants – Darla S & Ella S
Ministry of Music – Jordan Kooikers
Children & Worship – Little Lambs (3 yr. olds - K)
 Storyteller – Nelva H Helper – Austin G
 Greeters – Vicki G & Jenna VW

Thank you to our Praise Team members for leading us in worship, to Tara Kooiker for her ministry of music, and to Rus Verburg for leading the Children's Message.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Our prayer focus is the Dekkers family. Ryan & Kristen stay busy on the farm and with their kids. Lane is a 6th grader at Sioux Center and enjoys reading, math, science and playing baritone in jazz band. Kyle is a 4th grader and enjoys anything dealing with farming along with riding horses, working cattle and driving any kind of equipment. Joel is in 3rd grade and likes to sing and dance, swim and watch movies. Kate is two years old. She likes to help mom and dad on the farm and playing with her brothers. As a family, the Dekkers love to ride horses, ride ATV, fishing, swimming, camping and doing things with extended family and friends. The Dekkers ask us to join them in praying for families with young children that parents will receive the moral and spiritual support to raise their children to know the Lord. They share their favorite verse from Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Keep the Dekkers in your prayers this week.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Jacob Broersma, infant son of Darren & Kate, remains in the hospital as of Thursday. His oxygen level has been stable for several hours and they hope he will be able to come home soon. Pray for Jacob and for Darren & Kate as they care for their two little ones.
- Landon Meerdink, Jada Kooiker, James Knevelbaard and his daughter, Emily, as they recover from their surgeries and their bodies heal.
- Our “home-bound” members of our congregation: Lucille Van Zee, Harriet Vander Zwaag, Cleo & Joyce Te Slaa, and Ken Bloemendaal.
- Also remember Ed Bakker, Roger Anderson, Pastor Mark, Danielle Kooiker & family, John Boer, in your prayers each day.
- *Update on Travis Stoker:* His last surgery has been postponed indefinitely due to covid. He is gradually regaining his strength back and has returned to work part time. All your prayers have been greatly appreciated.
Andrew & Nevonne Stoker.
- *Update on Little Leo Boer:* Remember him and his family as they are making frequent trips to Denver about every ten days to stretch his esophagus so it will remain open.

THANK YOU

“Thank you to everyone who helped to make my birthday extra special? Thank you for the cards, gifts and attending the open house! I will always remember and treasure it!” Beth Kooiker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Consistory: On November 21st at 10:45AM to 1:00 PM (right after the worship service), we will have a New Member’s Luncheon. This luncheon is for anyone in the church that hasn’t formally become a member of Free Grace Reformed Church. Pastor Mark will share important information about the church and answer any questions that you may have. Then the Elders of Free Grace will join us as we share a special noon meal together. Your children can join us after the Sunday School time. If you are interested, please sign up on the MOVE table.

From the JR. & SR. RCYF: We will be meeting with the Carmel Jr. & Sr. RCYF groups on Sunday, October 31st.

From the Mission Outreach Committee:

LAST DAY TO ORDER PIG IN THE BLANKETS!

No guarantees there will be extras!

We will be making the pig-in-blankets on November 8th -13th, so make your calendars to make sure you can come and help with this project! All ages are welcome. More details to come. Any questions, please contact Andrea Wielenga or Joyce Vander Wilt.

Nursery Attendants: There is a urgent need for more volunteers to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings! We are looking for adult volunteers, whether mothers who bring their children to the nursery, women who like to care for children, couples who would be willing to help out, and boys and girls that have completed the fourth grade. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the MOVE table.in the Fellowship Hall.



Operation Christmas Child: We have four weeks left to collect items for our shoeboxes. Personal hygiene items like combs, hairbrush, washcloths and adhesive bandages are needed. Also needed are toys like yo-yos, Etch a Sketch, puzzles, jump ropes, balls, building blocks, stickers or small frisbees. Items can be brought to the table in the fellowship hall. Help bless a child this Christmas season.

Church Directory Update: We have extended the deadline to submit changes and additions to our pictorial directory until next Sunday, Oct. 24. Please return your information form in the box on the MOVE table or contact Carol Oolman if you have any information changes to be included.

SAVE THE DATE: IF:2022 Gathering on March 4-5, 2022. More details to come! Any questions, contact Tina Koerselman.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Oct. 25 @ 6:30-8:30 PM – Biblical Citizenship Class will meet at Beth Kooiker's home.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 -

6:00 AM – Men's Bible Study.

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Activities.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 31

Pastor Mark's Message—*How to Get Your Joy Back-Grace Style!*

Offering – General Fund

Special Offering – Building Fund

6:30 PM (Note Time) – Combined Reformation Service with Carmel Reformed at the Carmel Church.

Worship Attendants:

Organist – Nora V

Sound Tech – Luke K

Power Point – Nelva H

Ushers – Brad W & Harlan H

Coffee Maker – Tayla K

Prayer Team – Kevin M & Joe K

Nursery Attendants – Julie S & Jasmin O

Ministry of Music – Leon Mouws

Children & Worship – Rainbows (1st & 3rd graders)

Storyteller – Mary S

Helper – Jase S

Greeters – Beth K & Jasmine DJ

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, Nov. 1 – Consistory Meeting.

Monday, Nov. 1 @ 6:30-8:30 PM – Biblical Citizenship Class at Beth Kooiker's home.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 –

6:00 AM – Men's Bible Study.

9:00 AM – Ladies Bible Study at Lucille's home.

6:15-7:00 PM – Monthly Wednesday Night Family Supper.

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Activities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 26 @ 4:00 PM – Annual Society Meeting of the members of Hope Haven, Inc. at the Hope Haven office located at 1800 19th St, Rock Valley, IA 51247. There will be updates on our various programs and goals. We want to celebrate with you God's faithfulness during the year of pandemic and look forward to exciting opportunities. At the meeting, the members will be asked to adopt Restated Articles of Incorporation. These Restated Articles update the governance structure of Hope Haven in a variety of ways. The full document and summary of changes can be found at www.hopehaven.org/oct21.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 @ 7:30 PM - First Christian Reformed Church (Sioux Center) invites members of your congregation to join them in their sanctuary for a panel discussion with local pastors/denominational leaders from the CRC and RCA (Evan Vermeer, Dale Zevenbergen, and Pastors John Lee, Todd Zuidema, and Kurt Monroe). The panel will discuss some of the history of the current divisions in each denomination, the current situation and challenges each denomination faces, information about the newly formed Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC), as well as possibilities and obstacles for cooperation between RCA, CRC, and ARC churches. The panel will leave time for questions and answers at the end.



Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM
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Guilt And Grace!

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." James 2:10

What is guilt?

"My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear."

Psalm 38:4

Guilt is like a _____ light!

Our ways of handling guilt:

Genesis 3:7-12

- We respond with shame
- We go into hiding
- We blame others

God's way of handling guilt:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Confess our _____ to God!

"God, You know what I have done wrong. I cannot hide my guilt from You."

Psalm 69:5

Trust God's _____!

"Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience."

Hebrews 10:22

Accept God's _____!

"People who believe in God's Son are not judged guilty."

John 3:18

"I finally admitted all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, 'I will confess them to the Lord.' And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone." Psalm 32:5

Warning

Sins

Character

Forgiveness