



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, January 16, 2022**

**Order of Worship**

**Approach to God**

Prelude

Worship in Song and Praise

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

*Battle Belongs*

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Opening Prayer

Children's Message – Rus Verburg

Announcements

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 410 (vs.1,2,3,5) *Standing on the Promises*  
(General Fund Offering)

**Word of God**

Message – *Press On – Thanksgiving and Prayer* Phil.1:1-9

Prayer of Blessing

**Response to God**

Song of Response # 537 (3-4 times)

*He Who Began a Good Work in You*

(Special Offering for Christian School Education Fund)

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song # 454 (2 times) *The Family Prayer Song*

\*Postlude (\*please stand if you are able)

***Welcome – We're Glad You're Here Today!*** It's a beautiful day to be in the House of the Lord! Greet everyone you meet today with a smile and express your gratitude to our visitors that they have joined us in worship. Whether you are a regular member or a visitor today, we welcome you to Free Grace Reformed!

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.

**Our Special Offering** will be received today for the Christian School Education Fund. This fund helps support our children who attend a Christian School in the area. Thank you for your donations.

We thank Rus Verburg for leading our children with a Children's Message and the Praise Team members for leading us in our time of worship and praise.

**Today's Worship Attendants:**

Organist – Nora V	Sound Tech – Dilan M
Power Point – Paige VS	Ushers – Ken G & Landon Meerdink
Coffee Maker – Gloria M	Prayer Team – Harlan H & Brad W
Children's Message – Rus V	
Nursery Attendants – Janelle VZ, Ella S, Sori D	
Children and Worship – Little Lambs (3 yrs-K)	
Storyteller – Nelva H	Helper – Brighton K
Greeters – Vicki G & Jenna VW	

**411 Discipleship Training:** Heidi Kooiker will be doing a 411 training today in the north room after the church service. 411 is a tool that equips believers in discipleship. If parents want to teach their kids how to articulate the gospel, this is one great tool!

LIFE Groups will meet tonight at their designated locations. Check your schedules for the time and place of your meeting.

No Sr. RCYF this evening.

As you can see, we received a beautiful, donated gift of a baby grand piano this week. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of a family who grew up in Middleburg Church and wants this instrument to be a part of our sanctuary. Because of the temporary position of the piano (we are waiting for an organ repair and relocation of the organ to the opposite side of the stage), we ask that you not use the far west aisle to walk up front. In addition, we trust that everyone will respect this property with utmost care. May our music continue to be an offering to Him. To God Be The Glory!

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Emma Wells was dismissed from the Sioux Falls hospital last week with a treatment plan for her seizures. Continue to pray that the treatment is effective and works quickly.
- Brittany Bomgaars, Grace Van Der Zwaag, James Knevelbaard, and Wade Vander Maten as their bodies heal.
- Lucille Van Zee and Harriet Vander Zwaag, our “home-bound” members of our congregation.
- Pray for the Kooiker Families as they mourn the loss of their sister-in-law, Frieda, the wife of Harlan Kooiker, from Minnesota. Funeral Services will be Monday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Luverne, MN. Visitation will be today, Sunday, Jan. 16, from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Dingman Funeral Home in Luverne. Remember this family in your prayers at this time. Harlan’s address is 2071 71<sup>st</sup> St, Magnolia, MN 56158, if you would like to send condolences to him and his family.
- Remember also those who are suffering from illnesses or surgeries of our congregation and also our country and leaders at this time.

## **PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK**

Our prayer focus is Cole and Paige Van Schepen. Cole works at Rock Industries in Rock Valley as a machinist. He also works part-time at Northwest Iowa Firearms in Hull. He enjoys going for walks with their dogs, Ruger and Maddie, and hunting. Paige works at Rosenboom in Sheldon as a Human Resource Generalist. She enjoys spending time with friends and family and also going for walks with their dogs. Cole and Paige ask for prayers as they prepare to become first time parents in April and pray the baby will be born healthy. They ask us to join them in praying for our country, that the hatred and controversy will be eliminated and we will become one nation again. They also ask that we pray for all workers that are dealing with burn out due to short staffing issues. Uphold Cole and Paige in your prayers this week.

## **THANK YOU**

**Thank you** to everyone who remembered me with cards, flowers, visits and best wishes for my recent birthday and for the Christmas Season. I really appreciate my church family!

Harriet Vander Zwaag

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, Jan. 18 @ 7:00 PM** – Care & Fellowship Meeting.

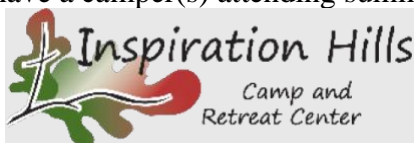
**From the Consistory:** A copy of the recent Consistory Notes are in your mailboxes for your information.

**Attention Church Organization Treasurers:** Please submit your 2021 bank statements, registers, and January 2022 bank statements to the secretary's office by Sunday, Jan. 29 so we can complete the financial reports. Thank You!

**Looking for Volunteer Coffee Makers:** If you are willing to help make and serve the coffee and lemonade on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the sheet located on the MOVE table. Also if anyone is willing to make cookies and help serve them on the first Sundays of each month, please sign up on the sheet. The more volunteers means you won't be doing it so often!

**NOTE:** Last week in your mailboxes, you received a revised schedule for sound techs, power point personnel, ministry of music & praise team assignments, etc., if you are involved in any of these duties. These new assignments will begin in February. Please note that we will be using the schedule for these assignments as published each week in the bulletin for the remainder of January. If you have any questions, please contact Carol O.

**2022 Summer Camp at Inspiration Hills:** We are excited to announce the theme of 2022 is "Wield the Sword" from Ephesians 6:13. "Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand firm." Registration opens February 1. See the brochures available in the cut-out stand in the narthex with all the information about dates and camps available and online at [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org). Middleburg Free Grace pays for one-half of each camper's fees. Please contact one of the deacons if you have a camper(s) attending summer camp.



## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Tuesday, Jan. 18 –**

**9:00 AM** – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

**12:30 PM** – Biblical Citizenship Class at Beth Kooiker's home.

**7:00 PM** – Care & Fellowship Meeting.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 19 –**

**6:00 AM** – Men's Bible Study.

**9:00 AM** – Ladies Bible Study at Lucille Van Zee. We will be studying Lesson 7 and Mary Swets is the lunch host.

**7:00 PM** – Wednesday Night Activities.

**8:05 PM** – Worship Committee Meeting.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, January 23**

### **Pastor Mark's Message –**

*Press On – Being Joyful...No Matter What!* Phil. 1:12-16

### **Offering – General Fund**

### **Worship Attendants:**

Pianist – Pat B

Sound Tech – Bryce H

Power Point – Gina W

Ushers – Dan O & Dave W

Coffee Maker – Minerva K

Prayer Team – Ken G & Eric M

Ministry of Music – Peter Den Hartogs

Nursery Attendants – Vicki G, Jasmin O, Landon Mulder

Children and Worship – Rainbows (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Storyteller – Heidi O

Helper – Dylan Majerus

Greeters – Beth K & Jasmine DJ

## **NEXT WEEK:**

**Monday, Jan. 24** – Monday Night Bible Study.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25 @ 9:00 AM** – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

**Wednesday, Jan. 26 –**

**6:00 AM** – Men's Bible Study.

**7:00 PM** – Wednesday Night Activities.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

February 20 – Youth Sunday.

March 4-5, 2022 - IF:2022 Women's Gathering.

March 16 – Last night of Wednesday Night Activities.

March 23 – Sr. RCYF Soup Supper.

April 15 – Good Friday Service.

April 17 – Easter Sunday.

## Thanksgiving And Prayer

### Philippians 1:3-11

**What does God want us to know about this passage?**

**Know that we pray with \_\_\_\_\_!**

*3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

**Know that God is \_\_\_\_\_!**

*6 And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you ill bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

### **Psalm 138:7-8**

**Know that we are partaker of \_\_\_\_\_!**

*7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

**Know that we need to be \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ return!**

*9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

Joy  
Working  
Grace  
Ready