



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 23, 2022

Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Worship in Song and Praise

Be Unto Your Name

Above All

Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Announcements

Ministry of Music – Allison, Megan, Katelyn Wielenga

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 737 (vs.1-3) *Like A River Glorious*

(General Fund Offering)

Word of God

Message – *How to be Joyful...No Matter What!*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 750 (vs.1-3) *Peace Like a River*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

On this first day of a new week we give thanks to our God for his loving care over us in the past week. We come to seek the Lord's hand of divine guidance to direct our footsteps in the week ahead. Are you visiting Free Grace Reformed today? We're glad you have joined us for worship in Middleburg today. Come back again soon! 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.

We say thanks to the Praise Team members for leading us in our time of worship and praise and to Pat Buyert for serving as our pianist today. Also thanks to Allison, Megan & Katelyn Wielenda for your special ministry of music. You are all much appreciated!

Today's 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

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Nursery Attendants – Vicki G, Jasmin O, Landon Mulder

Children and Worship – Rainbows (1st-2nd grade)

Storyteller – Heidi O

Helper – Dylan Majerus

Greeters – Beth K & Jasmine DJ

6:30 PM -Sr. RCYF meeting at church for games & Bible Q&A's.

Free Grace Reformed has been gifted a beautiful Baby Grand Piano. We are so grateful for this wonderful gift!

A Note from Fran (Van Der Zwaag) Mouw

Regarding the Baby Grand Piano

The Baby Grand piano that you see in the sanctuary has been gifted to Middleburg Church by my sister, Jurleen (Van Der Zwaag) Koele. The piano was gift that she received from her late husband, Harlan Koele, in 1992.

She chose to gift the piano to Free Grace Reformed because our roots go deep here. Our paternal grandmother, Anna (Dykstra) Van Der Zwaag was a child when the church was founded in 1885. Our maternal grandfather, Frank Bomgaars, played the trombone in the Middleburg Band in 1912.

Our lives as the four daughters of Elmer and Sal Van Der Zwaag (Jurleen, Sharon, Francine & Jolynn) revolved around this church from baptism, to Sunday School and catechism, to our Professions of Faith, to our weddings, which took place in this sanctuary.

Due to the death of Jur's husband, on October 3, 2021, and due to her physical health needs, Jurleen has moved to an assisted living community in Sioux City. Her wish is that the piano will be used to glorify God, rather than just being admired as a beautiful piece of furniture! "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night." Psalm 92:1&2

In case you would like to send her a note, her address is Jurleen Koele, Whispering Creek Assisted Living, 2607 Nicklaus Blvd, Apt 101, Sioux City, IA 51106

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Our deepest sympathy to Karen and Dave Moss and their family in the loss of Karen's father, Arthur Ter Horst, on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Private family funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 22, at the First Reformed Church in Orange City. Remember Mrs. Lorna Ter Horst and her extended family in your prayers during this time of bereavement.
- Emma Wells, James Knevelbaard, Emily Knevelbaard, and Wade Vander Maten as they recover in the days to come.
- Lucille Van Zee and Harriet Vander Zwaag, our "home-bound" members of our congregation.
- The Kooiker Families as they mourn the loss of their sister-in-law, Frieda, the wife of Harlan Kooiker, from Minnesota.
- 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 the Negaard family. Tim, Suzy, Eliza, Everett and Emilia ask us to join them in praying for safety on the roads for all who travel each day. They also ask us to pray for peace for those who are lonely as this is a tough time of the year. Uphold the Negaard family in your prayers this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A revised copy of the 2022 Church Committees and a copy of the proposed Special Offerings for 2022 can be found in your mailboxes today.

Congratulations! Cleo TeSlaa will be celebrating his 86th birthday tomorrow, Jan. 24. To honor him, you are encouraged to remember him with cards of encouragement and best wishes, phone calls or visits for his special day. His address is 1361 4th Ave SE, Sioux Center, IA. Hope you have a special day, Cleo!

Attention Church Organization Treasurers: Please submit your 2021 bank statements, registers, and January 2022 bank statements to the secretary's office by Sunday, Jan. 30 so we can complete the financial reports. Thank You!

From the Care & Fellowship Committee:

February 24 – Family Fun Night at Hull Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Meal will start at 6:00 PM. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Sandwiches, tableware and drink will be provided.

March 26 – Sioux City Musketeers hockey game. Details to follow.

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. 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:

Monday, Jan. 24 @ 7:00 PM – Monday Night Bible Study at Pat Buyert’s home.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 –

9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 26 –

6:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study.

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Activities.

8:05 PM – Worship Committee Meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 30

Pastor Mark’s Message –

Rejoice in the Lord Always – Living Worthy of the Gospel

Offering – General Fund

Special Offering – Benevolent Fund

NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 30 (continued)

Worship Attendants:

Pianist – Irene S	Sound Tech – Garret VW
Power Point – Gina W	Ushers – Mike B & Eric M
Coffee Maker – Tayla K	Prayer Team – Jon M & Joe K
Children’s Message – Kaylee M	
Ministry of Music – Children’s Choir	
Nursery Attendants – Leah L, Jenna VW, Caden K	
Children and Worship – Little Lambs (3 yrs-K))	
Storyteller – Heidi K;	Helper – Brogan Lehman
Greeters – Beth VW & Haylee O	

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday, Feb. 1 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 –

6:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study.

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

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

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Activities.

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 20 – Youth Sunday.

February 24 – Family Fun Night at Hull Community Center.

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

March 16 – Last night of Wednesday Night Activities.

March 23 – Sr. RCYF Soup Supper.

March 26 – Sioux City Musketeers hockey game.

April 15 – Good Friday Service.

April 17 – Easter Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, April 10 @ 7:00 PM - There will be a community-wide Palm Sunday Tenebrae Service at Unity’s Knight Center. A choir will sing the cantata “Song of the Shadows” and all interested singers are welcome to join. Rehearsals will be Sunday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 PM at the First Reformed Church in Orange City starting Feb. 6. The full schedule and more details are on the MOVE table.

How To Be Joyful ... No Matter What!

Philippians 1:12-26

The four essentials for joyful living:

We need a _____ to live from. vs. 12-14

Paul's view of his circumstances:

"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel."

LESSON: God has a purpose behind every one of my problems.

We need a _____ to live by. vs. 15-18

Paul's response to his critics:

"But what does it matter? THE IMPORTANT THING is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice." vs. 18

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Proverbs 3:6 LB

LESSON: Focus on what really counts

We need a _____ to live on. vs. 19-20

Paul's source of strength:

"... I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed ..."

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13

LESSON: With God's power nothing can devastate me.

We need a _____ to live for. vs. 20-26

Paul's reason for living:

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" vs. 21

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

LESSON: Jesus first Others second Yourself third

Perspective
Priority

Power
Purpose