



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 22, 2023
Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Praise & Worship Time

He Will Hold Me Fast

Living Hope

The Power of Your Love

*Opening Prayer

*Congregational Greeting Time

Children's Message – Rus Verburg

Announcements

Ministry of Music – Kaira & Sienna Moss

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 56 (vs.1-3) *To God Be The Glory*
(*General Fund Offering*)

(Rainbows are dismissed for Children & Worship)

Word of God

Message – *Punching the Clock or Promoting Christ*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

*Song of Response # 444 (vs.1-2) *I Love To Tell The Story*

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 444 (vs. 3-4) *I Love to Tell The Story*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

Greetings in the name of our Triune God – gracious Father, precious Jesus, life giving Holy Spirit. Whether a long-time member or first time visitor, we're glad you're here! May we experience the fellowship of believers as we pray, sing, give, serve, and listen together to hear the Holy Word and Holy Spirit.

If you are visiting Middleburg Free Grace today, please fill out a "Welcome to the Family" card located by the sanctuary doors and leave it on the table. We would love to make contact with you.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for coffee and lemonade

Today's Worship Attendants:

Organist – Nevonne S

Sound Tech – Garret VW

Power Point – Gina W

Ushers – George M & Dave W

Coffee & Lemonade – Gloria M

Prayer Team – Harlan H & Steven B

Ministry of Music – Justin Regnerus

Nursery Attendants – Karen S, Raelin DJ, Madison H

Children's Message – Rus V

Children & Worship – Rainbows (K-2nd grade)

Storyteller – Nelva H Helper – Brogan L

Greeters – Lana O & Allison W

Elder Greeters After Service –

Pastor (east); Rus (south); Harlan (west)

NOTE: The first and second grade Sunday School class will meet in the north room this Sunday. Please be respectful and avoid walking through while the class is in session.

Thank you to our Praise Team members for leading us in our Praise & Worship Time, to Kaira & Sienna Moss for their Ministry of Music and to Rus Verburg for leading our Children's Message. We appreciate your willingness to share in our worship service.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Our Prayer Focus is the Meerdink family. Scott enjoys running a hobby farm. Some of his part-time jobs include driving truck, dispatching trucks, feeding cattle and hogs, spraying crops and trying to keep up with Mark in the shop. He enjoys boating with family, catching a college football game, the occasional demo derby or race and sitting on the porch and taking in a sunset. Gina spends most days at the computer doing the bookwork for Scott's many part-time jobs. She enjoys attending kids' activities, spending summer days at the lake and summer nights on the porch. Landon is a Junior at Unity and is involved in football and track. He helps out a lot on the farm and also works at Ground Effects in the summer doing landscaping. In his free time he enjoys hunting, boating and spending time with friends. Kylie is a freshman at Unity and is involved in volleyball and basketball. She enjoys anything that involves spending time with friends.

McKenna is in 6th grade at Sioux Center Christian. She enjoys reading and spending time with friends. Her favorite books so far are the Harry Potter series and The Hunger Games series. The Meerdinks ask us to join them in praying that we as families can spend more time together in God's Word and in prayer, learning and seeking His guidance together. And that we as parents would set positive examples and habits for our children to carry on to the next generations. Keep Scott, Gina, Landon, Kylie and McKenna in your prayers this week.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:

- Barby Schwarz's friend, Holly and her family, in the loss of her son on Monday, Jan. 16th. He leaves behind a wife, a newborn baby and a 19-month child. Pray that they will find God's comfort at this very difficult time.
- The Daryl Beltman Family of Orange City in the loss of Shirley, his wife, and his son, Josh, the past week. Funeral services and visitation with the family have been postponed to early next week due to the weather predictions and travel complications. Uphold this family in your prayers during this very tragic time.
- Wilemina Schuiteman, daughter of Paul and Ashley, is doing great and will started physical therapy. Their return to Iowa was uneventful for which they are thankful. Continue to uplift Wilemina in your prayers as she goes to therapy.
- Lucille Van Zee, Ezra Kraayenbrink, Harriet Vander Zwaag, Peter Leo Vander Zwaag, Kevin Oolman, Mark De Ruyter.
- Jordan Rand, LaRae Punt's son, who is in residency at the Keystone Treatment Center in Canton, SD. Pray for him that he will be given strength to stand up against addiction as he completes his treatment. Cards of encouragement can be sent to Jordan Rand, at 101 E 2nd St, Canton, SD 57013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleo Te Slaa will be celebrating his 87th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 24th. Let us remember him with cards of encouragement and best wishes or a phone call or a visit. He is living at Aspen Heights in Room 120, located at 1410 Aspen St, Hull, IA 51239. His phone number is 712-439-0001. Congratulations Cleo!

Congratulations to Dilan and Kaylee Moss on the birth of their son, Bryson Samuel, on January 14th. A basket for the congregation to bless this family with baby gifts is located in the Fellowship Hall. The hospitality committee will deliver the basket to the Moss Family in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for blessing this family on this happy occasion!

Attention Church Organization Treasurers: Please submit your 2022 bank statements, registers, and Jan. 2023 bank statement to the secretary's office by next Sunday so we can complete the financial reports for our church. Thank you!

Weather Permitting and if there is interest, we are planning to go sledding at Cone Park in Sioux City on Sunday, January 29 from 2:30-5:30pm. Tickets are \$10. A decision will be made on Friday if the weather will be good. If interested, talk to Cassy or Nelva

Our Mission Team is making their final plans to help in New Bern, NC. Be in prayer for our team members - Harlan H., Beth K., Mary H., Dan O., Haylee O., Ordell H., Klint K., Kaira M., Ethan S., Dilan M., Paige VS., Nelva H., Brennan & JoLea M. Pray for safe travel, good weather and that God will provide them with opportunities to share the love of God and pray for family members that will remain at home. *We are looking for volunteers to be prayer partners for those who are going. Please sign-up on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall.*

Family Fun Night is coming! It will be on Friday, February 17 from 5:00-9:00pm, at the Hull Community Building. Hot sandwiches, drink and tableware will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. The meal will begin at 5:30pm. Join us for an evening of volleyball, basketball, card playing and games.

From the Mission Outreach Committee: There are only cheesy pig-in-the-blankets left for \$13 per dozen. They go great with a bowl of soup on these cold winter days! You may pick them up at any time and put your payment in Andrea Wielenga's church mailbox.

For the Month of February, we are encouraging members to participate in “Random Acts of Kindness”. During the month, shower members of our congregation with an act of kindness. Need ideas? Give a gift card, take them out for coffee, send a card, give a plate of bars or cookies. Use your imaginations. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to who needs an act of kindness showered on them. It can be done anonymously or not.

From the Consistory: Our church has many committees that help in promoting the mission of Free Grace. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on these committees. During this season of giving, please consider using your gifts and serving on a committee. Committees are Worship, Education, Care & Fellowship, Technology, Memorial, Mission Outreach and Cemetery. If you are willing to serve, please talk to one of the elders.

From the Women’s Ministries: We are still looking for volunteers to help as a nursery coordinator, organize the Fellowship Supper, White Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, the Women’s Summer Outing and Summer Family Fun Night. ***Prayerfully consider any one of these opportunities or these events will not be taking place in 2023.*** Sign up to serve on these opportunities on the MOVE table.

Save the Date – Saturday, March 4 at 9:00 AM! All the men of Free Grace Reformed Church are invited to come to "The Country Church Men's Breakfast at Free Grace in Middleburg. Speaker will be Mike Metten. We will be joined by the men from Carmel, Maurice, and Newkirk. This breakfast will be an "Old School" breakfast with bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes and more. See you there!

Inspiration Hills 2023 Summer Camp Registration opens February 1, 2023. See the brochures on the MOVE table for details to register online and by scanning the QR code on the front of the brochure. Save money by registering by April 15th. Middleburg Free Grace pays for on-half of each camper’s fees. Please contact one of the deacons if you have a camper(s) attending summer camp this year.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, Jan. 24 –

9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study

6:30-8:30 PM – “Constitution Alive” Class

Wednesday, Jan. 25 –

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Classes and Children’s Choir practice.

7:45 PM – Education Committee Meeting.

8:05 PM – Worship Committee Meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 29:

Pastor Mark’s Message –

What is Our Mission in the Marketplace!

Offering – General Fund

Special Offering – Benevolent Fund

Worship Attendants:

Pianist – Irene S

Sound Tech – Bryce H

Power Point – Nelva H

Ushers – Justin R & Brad W

Coffee & Lemonade – Becca K

Prayer Team – Ken G & Eric M

Ministry of Music – Children’s Choir

Nursery Attendants – Suzy N, Ethan S, Jasmin O

Children’s Message – Pastor Mark

Children & Worship – Little Lambs (3 yr-TK)

Storyteller – Tara K Helper – Kate D

Greeters – Gayla M & Haylee O

Elder Greeters After Service –

Harlan (east); Pastor (south); Ken (west)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 – “Constitution Alive” Class

Wednesday, Feb. 1 –

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

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Classes and Children’s Choir practice.

Saturday, Feb. 4 – 11 - Mission Team Trip to New Bern, NC.

Monday, Feb. 20-Mar. 2 – Pastor Mark & Barby on vacation.

Sunday, Feb. 26 – Youth Sunday.

Punching A Clock Or Promoting Christ?

"God... gave us new lives from Christ; and long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."

Ephesians 2:10 (LB)

How can work be a ministry?

"Do all your work in love." **1 Corinthians 16:14 (GN)**

_____ **people unconditionally!**

"Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified." **Rom 15:7 (NIV)**

Acceptance doesn't mean approval

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. **Galatians 6:1**

_____ **people continually!**

"Encourage each other and build each other up." **1 Th. 5:11**

3 ways to affirm people:

Listen to _____!

Use _____ words!

"Speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Eph. 4:29

_____ for them!

"... you are helping by praying for us." **2 Cor. 1:11 (NLT)**

_____ **people eagerly!**

Jesus: "Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve." **Matthew 20:28 (LB)**

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbor to wait until tomorrow if you can help him now." **Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN)**

**Accept
Affirm**

**Them
Positive
Praying**

Assist