



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*The Praise Is Yours  
Exalted Over All  
Today Is The Day*

### Ministry Volunteer Commissioning

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture *Ephesians 2:19-21, 3:14-21*

#### **Eph. 2:19-22**

<sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

#### **Eph. 3:14-21**

#### **A Prayer for the Ephesians**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### Message "Faith Practices"

*Holy Spirit*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### **TODAY**

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Church School begins  
12pm Fall Kickoff Lunch

## CHURCH LIFE

**FALL KICKOFF MEAL** is TODAY at noon in the Fellowship Room.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** There is no class today, September 10, or next week, September 17. On September 24, we will conclude our summer series. On October 1, we will begin a new study on 1 Corinthians. The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** ([LMPHILO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

**GIVE THANKS** For church school teachers and youth group leaders as the new ministry year begins today. Thank you to church school teachers **Sara Meengs, Jayme Morren, Barb Smalligan, Dean Dykstra, Sarah Lenhart**, and **Pastor Tom VanderPloeg**; youth group leaders **Bruce & Barb Van Ryn**.

**YOUTH GROUP** The Youth Group is competing in Grandville's annual FallFest Scarecrow contest (Sep 30). We will be working on this on Saturday, Sep 23 and would appreciate donations of stuffing straw or hay bales. If you would like to donate, or know where to get them, please contact **Barb Van Ryn** (616.644.8619, [bvanryn@fellowshipcrc.com](mailto:bvanryn@fellowshipcrc.com)) by Friday, Sep 22. Thank You!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Gordon and Char Bell** who will celebrate their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 13! Congratulations to **Mark and Marcia Behrens** who will celebrate their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 15! Congratulations to **Gary and Pam Meengs** who will celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on September 21! We give thanks for their lives and their marriages. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Bonnie Houtstra**, who will celebrate her birthday on September 23. We give thanks for her life and may she know God's faithful presence with each new day.

*Thank you for your cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy surrounding the illness and passing of Carolyn Morren, the stepmother of Kathy Poel and Judy VanHaitsma. She was a wonderful Christian example to our large, blended family as stepmother, grandmother, and great grandmother.*  
Thanks! **Judy and Kathy**

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl).

★Copies of the August Full Council Quarterly Reports can be found through the link in the Midweek. Paper copies are also available at the information center.

### PRAYER FOCUS

- Renewal Lab: Be in prayer this week for the fourth session of the Church Renewal Lab. The Church Renewal Lab is a two-year renewal journey for the purpose of developing intentional missional congregations that make more and better disciples who transform lives and communities for Christ. Pastor Tom will be attending the conference on Thursday and Friday, (September 14 & 15) and the other members of the lead team from Fellowship Church will be joining for the session on Saturday morning, September 16.  
An overview of the Church Renewal Lab Lead Team:  
Pastor: **Tom VanderPloeg**, Elder: **Shelly Funk**, Deacon: **Linda Philo**, Worship: **Andrew Lenhart**, Prayer: **Barb Sanders**, Assimilation: **Jim Kortman**, Adult Discipleship: **Dave Cook**, Student Ministries: **Bruce Van Ryn**.
- For **Backpack Buddies** as they provide meals to those in need in Grandville, pray that each family is blessed by the generosity of our community.

### MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**FOOD PANTRY** We in the food Pantry are once again accepting donations.  
**Food items needed are:** canned chicken, chunky soups, hamburger/tuna helper, salad dressings, fruit cups, Nutrigrain bars, crackers, pop tarts, kid's cereal, peanut butter, jelly, paper towels, and hand soap  
**Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!**

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** It's a new year for our partnership with Central Elementary School in Grandville. We started with 20 returning children and we have added 15 more for a current total of 35 children.

We are collecting the following food items for weekend food bags:  
Snacks: granola bars, pretzels, fruit snacks etc; Fruit: applesauce and/or fruit cups; Canned chunky soups, Canned Chicken, Canned pasta , Nutrigrain bars, cash donations can be made through the deacons

Please place your donations in the wooden box in the narthex.  
Thank you for your continued support! **Sandy Campo**

**BLOOD DRIVE** Thank You to all who donated during the blood drive! We had 28 donors donating 30 units of blood. Congratulations to **Marcia Behrens** on reaching 3 gallons! Also to **Don Winkle** on reaching 4 gallons!  
The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, December 20. If you would like to reserve your spot now, please sign up online.