

Benediction

Pastor: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you, his children, that you may use them to his glory and the welfare of all peoples.

All: Amen.

*The Peace of Christ

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Sending

Pastor Luke Schmalz

*Postlude: David VandenBelt

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 20, 2024 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2024, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2025 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2025. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Absentee ballots are available in the church office if you will not be able to attend and would like to vote on the proposed 2024 budget and the bylaw change..



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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Offering plates are located in the narthex.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



September 29, 2024

The Order of Worship
**please stand, if you are able*

Prelude: David VandenBelt

Welcome

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull,

Call to Worship (Psalm 124)

Pastor: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say— if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

All: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

Pastor: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymns - “We Have Come to Join in Worship”**

- Blue Hymnal #207

Prayer of Confession

All: O Almighty God, I humbly ask you to make me like a tree planted by the waterside, that I may bring forth fruits of good living in due season. Forgive my past offenses, sanctify me now, and direct all that I should be in the future, for Christ’s sake. Amen

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Response - Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “They Should Pray” - Pastor Luke Schmalz

***The Apostles’ Creed** (words projected)

***Hymn - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - Blue Hymnal #630**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord’s Prayer (words projected)

***Doxology (As the offering is brought forward)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn - “More Love to Thee” - Blue Hymnal #634**

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: Susan Stewart

Song Leader:

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!

Happy Birthday to ~

Norah Schmalz (30)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Dick Ramm passed away - please keep his daughters, Susan (and Steve) and Mary Beth in your thoughts & prayers

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, September 29 - Annual Reports Due!

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. All Church Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 30

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Tuesday, October 1 - Church Office Closed

- 1:00 p.m. Book Circle - Fremont Public Library
- 1:30 p.m. Special Trustees Meeting - Library

Wednesday, October 2 - Lorene out of the office

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 3 - Church Office Closed

- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 4

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Supper - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 5

Sunday, October 6

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

Annual Reports are due **TODAY** September 29.

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

All Church Meeting - TODAY - this is a followup from the town hall meeting we had in April.

Enjoy books? Book Circle meets this Tuesday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fremont Public Library. You are welcome to join us!

Men's Fellowship Lunch will be held this Wednesday, October 2 at noon. All men are welcome.

Crop Walk, October 6 - Registration will begin at 12:45 pm in Veteran's Memorial Park and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. The course is 4 miles but for those of us who can't walk the entire route, transportation will be provided back to Veterans Park. No bicycles or tricycles permitted. Handouts with details are available at the window of the FCC Kitchen as well as a basket for donations. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you!

The Board of Charitable Giving, Barb V and Jack B

Mark your calendar:

Spaghetti Supper fundraiser by Women's Fellowship for the Crop Walk - Friday, October 4 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Harvest InGathering - October 13 - November 10 - bring your pantry items to the table by the office. Checks are welcome - made out to TruNorth

Requested Announcements

Newaygo County Right to Life will host a benefit and information dinner on October 15 at All Saints Church in Fremont. The speaker will be Legislative Director for Right to Life of Michigan, Genevieve Marnon. For tickets you can call Michelle Barends at 231-307-0633.

Please join us for the 9th Annual Gathering of Friends presented by the Newaygo County Compassion Home Friday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the All Saints Church Event Center. To register, please RSVP by October 23 by calling 231-335-2625. Event includes free cocktails, appetizers, live and silent action, raffles and more.

The 4th Annual Good Ole Fashion Hymn Sing led by Christi Handy will be held Sunday afternoon, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the Shack in the Saw Mill (note location change) Building. Sponsored by volunteers of Newaygo County Bible League International. A free will offering will be received.