

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

*The Peace of Christ

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*Sending

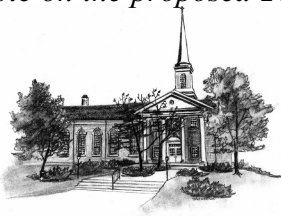
Pastor Luke Schmalz

*Postlude: Lorene Witte

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 2025 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



October 20, 2024

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Call to Worship (Psalm 104)

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

All: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

Pastor: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

All: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - “O Worship the King” - Blue Hymnal #104** vs 1,2,5

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 (Hebrews 5:8-10)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. Through Jesus we are forgiven!

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:

Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Out of the Whirlwind” - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Walk Up Choir - “Softly and Tenderly” #479

“Children of the Heavenly Father” #719

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 - “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” - Blue Hymnal #807**

Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Tony & Carrie DeMull

Song Leader: Bill Black

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!

Happy Birthday to ~

Pat DeKleva(22)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 20

9:30 p.m. Walk up Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
Annual Meeting - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
6:30 p.m. Trustees - Library

Tuesday, October 22 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

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.

Walk Up Choir will be today. The hymns are Softly and Tenderly #479 and Children of the Heavenly Father #719. "Walk Up" if you'd like to sing with the group.

Annual Meeting today following worship in Fellowship Hall. Annual Reports are available in Fellowship Hall along with the 2025 Budget.

CROP Hunger Walk was successful again this year, thanks to you! We earned \$1,405 for CROP World Service and they'll share 25% with Newaygo County. First Congregational's stellar performance is appreciated by the leaders of CROP Walk in Fremont, by hungry people in Newaygo County and countries around the world. Thank YOU, Ladies of Women's Fellowship for hosting the scrumptious Spaghetti Dinner and to those of you who participated in person and/or financially. Thank YOU! all for lending a hand to this worthy cause. For the Board of Charitable Giving, Barb V and Jack B.

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

On October 29, Sally DeShetler will be 102 years old. If you would like to send her a greeting her address is:

Sally DeShetler
The Inn at Coal Ridge
1300 CoalRidge Pkwy #401
Wadsworth OH 44281

For the next few weeks our closing song will be a patriotic song as we pray for our country and look to the November election. This was requested by one of our members.

Coffee supplies are now located in the old choir/av room across from the chapel. Thank you to the ladies for moving things around.

