



Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



Birthday Card Shower- Sally DeShetler will be turning 103 in late October and we would like to “shower” her with birthday greetings.
A box is located on the table by the church office.
Drop off a note to Sally and we will see that they are delivered to her.



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Call the church office

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.



September 14, 2025

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

Prelude
Announcements

Tammy Krol

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 14)

Pastor: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

All: There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - “He Hideth My Soul” - **Blue Hymnal #611** vs 1 & 2

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.

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! For us and our salvation, our Lord Jesus Christ came down from Heaven and was crucified for us.

All: Thanks be to God for we have been forgiven.

***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 the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

Ruth Cowles

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Luke 15:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Deeply Rooted: The Nicene Creed - Part 2

***The Nicene Creed** (see screen or insert)

***Hymn** - “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” - **Blue Hymnal # 517** vs 1 & 3

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**

***Sending Hymn** - “Jesus Saves!” - **Blue Hymnal #438** vs 1 & 2

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Tammy Krol

Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader: Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday: Cathy Kellerman

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Robin, Kendra, Jeff

Happy Birthday to ~

Betty Dougan (19), Brad Church, John Cooper (20)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Stacey Church - recovering from knee surgery

The family & friends of Ann Werner

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Monday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board - Library

Tuesday, September 16 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Trustees - Library

Wednesday, September 17

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Beth Hooker - library

Thursday, September 18 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Beloved of Christ, welcome to worship, faith education and Christian fellowship this day. May you sense the embrace of God's love through the people you interact with here.

A new Small Group will begin September 17 or 24 at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Led by Pastor Luke and meeting every other week. Location TBD. A sign up sheet is located by the church office. There is a seat for YOU at either group! Come join!!

New Member Class - are you interested in learning more about our church or thinking of joining the church? Sign up on the sheet by the church office. Time and location TBD.

Our dear friend and long time member Ann Werner passed away Saturday, Sept. 6 around noon surrounded by her sister Barb and her niece Kristen. The funeral service for Ann will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch to follow. We pray for comfort and peace for Ann's sister and brother and their families.

Jim Rynberg spoke with Sally DeShetler this week and Sally wanted to give her greetings to you and thank you for the notes and cards she has received and to let you know she is doing well. It is a joy to hear from you!

We plan to serve cookies, candy & water to the Harvest Parade participants that use our parking lot to line up. Sign up (on the sheet by the office) if you are willing to help pass items out, or donate cookies or candy.

Would you like to ride your bike in the Harvest Parade? Gary Hooker and Barb Veldman have done that for the last few years and would like you to join them if you would like. Contact Gary if you are interested.

CROP Walk, Oct 5 - the 40th Walk/Fundraiser in Fremont will commence with a *Women's Fellowship Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 26, 5:00pm-6:30pm for a donation to CROP*. Invite your friends, neighbors. The Walk will be Sunday, October 5 at 12:45pm in Veteran's Memorial Park. Cash/check contributions will be appreciated; please write checks to CWS/CROP and put them in the offering plate. Details re. Crop Walk are displayed next to the elevator on the lower level. Thank you for your in-person and/or monetary participation. Charitable Giving/jb

ANNUAL REPORTS - Board & Committee chairs please submit your report by Sunday, Sept 28.



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.