

*Sending

*Postlude

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Lorene Witte



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

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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 21, 2025

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Chimes

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 113)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

All: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Jesus Saves!" - **Blue Hymnal #438** 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 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

Scripture

Cathy Kellerman

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Luke 16:1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Deeply Rooted: The Nicene Creed - Part 3

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

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**

Song of Preparation - "Come to the Table" - **Blue Hymnal #464**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Hymn** - "Because He Lives" - **Blue Hymnal #358** vs 1 & 3

***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.

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Barb Clark & Tracey Stern

Song Leader: Beth & Gary Hooker, Pat Krehn, Dean Morehouse

Scripture Reader: Cathy Kellerman

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Nancy Lindner (23), Judy Nadeau, Jane Stroschin (27)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pete & Nancy Lindner (23)

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Stacey Church - recovering from knee surgery

The family & friends of Ann Werner

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, September 21

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

Monday, September 22

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. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, September 23 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 24

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

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

1:30 p.m. Small Group -

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

Thursday, September 25 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, September 26

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

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 27

11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Ann Werner - sanctuary

Sunday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Our Church News

Welcome to worship in the name of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — who created you, saved you and makes you holy. Amen.

Small Group - Tuesday, Sept 23 will not be meeting due to a meeting conflict.

A new Small Group will begin September 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!!

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.

Cookies Needed - Cookies are needed for the table we plan to have for the Harvest Parade line up. If you are willing to donate cookies let Jean Morehouse know.

Would you like to ride your bike in the Harvest Parade? Gary Hooker, Mat Emerick 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 -

a) Women's Fellowship will serve a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 26, 5:00-6:30 PM. Please bring a friend.

b) the CROP Walk will be Sunday, Oct 5 at 12:45 pm in Veteran's Memorial Park. Please write checks to CWS/CROP and put them in the offering plate. Thank you! for your participation. Charitable Giving/jb



ANNUAL REPORTS - Board & Committee chairs please submit your report by Sunday, Sept 28. - Thank you to those who have already turned in their reports!!



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.