



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.



Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



September 28, 2025

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

Prelude

Tammy Krol

Chimes

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 91)

Pastor: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

All: will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

Pastor: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - “Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus” - Blue Hymnal #730

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

Jim Rynberg

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15, Luke 16:19-31

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Deeply Rooted: The Nicene Creed - Part 4

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

***Hymn - “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” - Blue Hymnal #581**

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 - “Victory in Jesus” - Blue Hymnal #353**

***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: Barb Clark & Tracey Stern

Next Sunday: Kelly Parks

Song Leaders: A Group of Musicians

Scripture Reader: Jim Rynberg

Next Sunday: Cathy Kellerman

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Troyer Church (29), Norah Schmalz (30)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Stacey Church - recovering from knee surgery

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

Monday, September 29

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

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

Tuesday, September 30 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, October 1

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

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

Thursday, October 2 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

12:45 p.m. CROP Walk - Veteran's Memorial Park

Our Church News

Welcome to worship as we enter a new season. Autumn's turning leaves remind us of God's creative power and faithful rhythm of change. May this hour be one of reflection, gratitude, and renewal.

Men's Fellowship Lunch - Wednesday, Oct 1 at 12:00 noon - All men are welcome to come enjoy great fellowship, a tasty lunch and an inspiring speaker. John Cooper will provide the lunch, and Barb Geno will inform us about Companion Dogs.

Afternoon Small Group - we will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 1:30 p.m. beginning, Wednesday, October 1. If you plan to attend please let Pastor Luke know.

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) thank you for your participation in Women's Fellowship's Spaghetti Dinner last Friday.

b) the Walk will be Sunday, October 5 at 12:45pm 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 reports are due TODAY!!- Thank you to those who have already turned in their reports!!

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 19, 2025 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2025, 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. 2026. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Carrie DeMull, Clerk



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.