

***Sending Hymn - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #602**

vs 1, 2, 4

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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stor: 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**

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***Postlude**

Tammy Krol



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.



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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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

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



*Seek the welfare of the city
... and pray to the LORD
on its behalf.*

Jeremiah 29:7, NRSV

October 12, 2025

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

Prelude
Chimes

Tammy Krol

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 66)

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God,

All: “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.”

Pastor: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him. He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him.

All: Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

Pastor: For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

All: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - “This is My Father’s World” - Blue Hymnal #143

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! We have cried “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” And He replied “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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 29:1, 4-7, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

The Welfare of the City

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

***Hymn - “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” - Blue Hymnal #564**

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**

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: John & Gail Cooper

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leaders: A Group of Musicians

Scripture Reader: Jim Rynberg

Next Sunday: Brian Webb

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Miles Cowles (14), Leah McKivitz(16)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. New Members Class - Library

Monday, October 13

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. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, October 14 - *Church Office Closed*

7:00 p.m. Library in use

Wednesday, October 15

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. Afternoon Small Group - Library
4:00 p.m. Bible Study with Beth Hooker - library

Thursday, October 16 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

Sunday, October 19

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. The Chosen Season 5 - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

As the days grow cooler as autumn moves forward. We ask God to bless our worship, God of all seasons, with the warmth of your love. Bless our worship hour together!

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study is now meeting at 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. - come in the light ~ go home in the light! All are welcome!!

Hand To Hand (H2H) is an association of eight churches in Fremont living Matthew 25:35 (For I was hungry and you fed me ..) that are providing food for nearly 200 children in Fremont schools who have no reliable food source on weekends. Your contributions through October 19 of the kids' favorite single-serving sizes of applesauce cups, spaghetti, granola bars w/protein, mac & cheese will be appreciated. Thank you! Charitable Giving/jb

The Chosen Season 5 will be shown in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, October 19 thru November 19 at 5:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided bring your own beverage and a snack to share if desired.

Rooms of Refuge - October 27 - November 3 - if you are willing to bring a dinner for the guests please sign up on the sheet at the church office.

Lorene will be out of the office on Wednesday, Oct 15 in order to attend Grandparents Day.

ANNUAL MEETING

***- Sunday, October 19-
following worship***

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX
Please bring your copy along to the Annual Meeting

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