

***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**

Lorene Witte



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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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



Behold, I
create new
heavens and
a new
earth...

Isaiah 65:17, ESV



November 16, 2025

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Chimes

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Isaiah 12)

Pastor: You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

All: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy" - Blue Hymnal #3**

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 (Malachi 4:1-2a)

Pastor: Hear the good news! See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Skit - Performed by Mat & Zane

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"All Things New"

***The Apostle's Creed (see screen)**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Recognition of Our Veterans

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**

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (litany on separate page and on screen)

Music for Communion - "Jesus Paid it All" - A Group of Vocalists

***Sending Hymn - "God Bless America" - see screen** *Continued on back page*

Altar Rep: Jack Butterick

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Dean & Jean Morehouse

Song Leader: A Group of Musicians

Scripture Reader: Jim Rynberg

Next Sunday: Cathy Kellerman

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

Thank you to Jim Rynberg and the Altar Committee for the beautiful fall display on the altar.

Happy Birthday to ~ Luke Pfeiffer, Rosemary Tittle (19), Loretta VanDuzen (21)

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 16

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

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18 - *Church Office Closed*

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees - Library

Wednesday, November 19

- 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. Women's Bible Study - Library

Thursday, November 20 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

- 1:00 p.m. Visitation for Carol Black
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Carol Black

Sunday, November 23

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. The Chosen Season 5 - Library (final movie)

Our Church News

Psalm 90 proclaims: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations" (v. 1, NRSV). May children, youth and adults all feel at home in this, Christ's church. Welcome!

Poinsettia Orders are due today! Order forms are in the bulletin.

The Chosen Season 5 will be shown in the Library tonight.

Noisy Offerings will be next Sunday, November 30 and December 28. Our contributions will be earmarked for the newly formed Newaygo County Church Alliance. Recipients of help will be our neighbors who have fallen through the cracks, are struggling to meet routine expenses but not eligible for financial assistance from traditional sources. Love your neighbor as yourself. Charitable Giving - Jack Butterick

Christmas Craft Sale and Plum Pudding Shoppe - Saturday, Dec 6 - Less than one month away! Our ladies have been busy making crafts all year long. Pass the word and let your friends know our sale will be from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Note the new time!!

Plum Pudding needs your help! You have been generous in the past with your baked goods and specialty items. Please consider helping us again. In accordance with the State of Michigan Food Requirements the food items that can be donated are listed in the November Carillon.

Plum Pudding - delivery of your contributions of bread, cookies, etc. (details are in the November Carillon) will be appreciated the evening of Friday, December 5. Reminder: all food items must be labeled with a list of ingredients, your FIRST name and The First Congregational Church, 231-924-4710 on the label.

Alone for the Thanksgiving? No extra money to purchase a Thanksgiving meal? You are invited to a Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace Community Church, 105 W Sheridan on Thanksgiving Day at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to 231-335-4816 - leave a message if no answer.

The River Country Community Choir presents "CELEBRATE - Celebrate Christmas/Celebrate Christ". Sunday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest. Everyone welcome! Join us for cookies & punch following the concert. A free-will offering will be received. Dave White will be singing in this concert.

Christmas for Newaygo County to benefit Love Inc. Friday, Dec 5 at the Dogwood. 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup/Salad lunch served at 11:15



a.m. \$40 or a table of 8 for \$300. RSVP
by Nov 21. Contact Jim Rynberg



Poinsettia Order

Red 6 ½” pot - 4-7 blooms **\$12.00** _____ (Quantity)

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Poinsettia(s) to be used during Advent.

_____ Following worship service, I/we will pick up our
poinsettia(s).

_____ Following worship service, the Altar Committee may
take care of my/our poinsettia(s) in an appropriate way.

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each poinsettia
ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or turned into the church
office no later than **November 16, 2025 - NO LATE ORDERS**

Communion Liturgy

Pastor: John 6:35 - Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes
to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be
thirsty.

We have confessed our sins and been forgiven.

We have heard the word of God and proclaimed our faith.

God has invited us to this table to receive his good gifts.

Let us praise him.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And so,
with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise
your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Hear the Gospel: 1 Peter 2:24-25 “Jesus himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were going
astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and
guardian of your souls.”

All: Christ has Died, Christ is Risen, Christ will Come again!

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered
here, and on these gifts. Make them be for us the body and blood of
Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by
his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each
other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final
victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your son Jesus

Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it (break bread) and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood(raise cup). Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Gifts of God for the People of God (People Called Forward)

The body of Christ broken for you

The blood of Christ shed for you

Final Prayer:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen