

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Rachel Poches

Join us in Fellowship Hall to welcome our new members

Robin & Glenn Dickmann

John Page

Tracy Stern

WELCOME

New Members



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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Office Hours - Call the church office

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

Keyboard/Organist Rachel Poches, David VandenBelt, Lorene Witte

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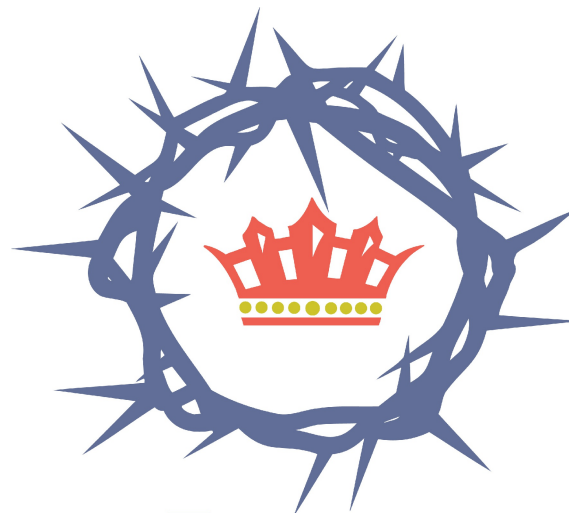
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Christ
THE
King
SUNDAY

November 23, 2025

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

Prelude

Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

New Members - Robin & Glenn Dickmann, John Page, Tracy Stern

Call to Worship (Luke 1:68-79)

Pastor: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

All: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

Pastor: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - “O Worship the King”- Blue Hymnal #104 vs 1, 2,3,5**

Prayer of Confession

All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Pastor: Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the powers of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

“King and Kingdom”

***The Apostle’s Creed** (see screen)

***Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” - Blue Hymnal #43**

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 - “The Family of God” - Blue Hymnal #419**

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Altar Rep: Jack Butterick

Greeting us today: Dean & Jean Morehouse

Next Sunday: Bill Black

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader: Cathy Kellerman

Next Sunday: Ruth Cowles

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 ~ Dougan Church, Kyle Parks (25), Dave White (29)

Prayer Requests ~ Duane VanDuzen - health concerns

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 23

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

Monday, November 24

- 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, November 25 - *Church Office Closed*

- 10:00 a.m. Small Group - Pat Krehn's home

Wednesday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 27 - *Church Office Closed*

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 28 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30 - *Noisy Offering today - First Sunday of Advent*

- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Special Music by Allison Hull
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

The Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study has decided to suspend meeting during the Holiday Season. They will resume in January date TBD

The church office will be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov 27 & 28

The season of Advent begins next Sunday! Join us in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ through worship, prayer, and reflection.

Our Church News

Today we honor Christ the King, the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold. We joyfully welcome all worshipers to this celebration of his reign—ushering us into the peace and justice of God's kingdom. Come, take your place among the gathered faithful, and offer your worship to the King of all.

This morning we have the privilege of welcoming four new members - Robin & Glenn Dickmann, Tracy Stern & John Page.

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. Love your neighbor as yourself. CG/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 items must be labeled with a list of ingredients, FCC/your FIRST name 231-924-4710, and Prepared in a non-inspected kitchen.**

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

New Member Litany

Pastor: This morning we welcome Robin & Glenn Dickmann, Tracy Stern and John Page who wish to become a member of First Congregational Church.

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. Robin, Glenn, Tracy and John have found nurture and support in the midst of our family of Christ. They have been led by the Holy Spirit to claim in our presence his covenant with Jesus Christ and the members of God's church. They are here for service, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Robin, Glenn, Tracy and John, you are no long a stranger here but stand with the members of this household of God, as we grow together into a holy temple in Christ.

Pastor to New Member:

Robin, Glenn, Tracy and John: Do you join us in our faith in the Triune God....Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; confess that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man; agree that the Bible is the written Word of God; affirm that the central content of the scriptures is the Gospel of reconciliation and redemption; confess that the mission of the church is to bear witness to God's trust and gospel in our words and deeds?

(New Member): Yes, I do in the name of God and His Son.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in His way, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work, word and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

(New Member): I promise, with the help of God and His Son.

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of His church here on Hillcrest Drive, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission?

(New Member): I promise, with the help of God and His Son.

Do You promise to participate in the life and mission of this church, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of the First Congregational Church as it serves our community and the world?

(New Member): I promise, with the help of God and His Son.

Pastor to the Congregation:

Congregation, do we express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ? If so, please join me in the pledge on the screen and printed in your bulletin:

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Robin, Glenn, Tracy and John, today we celebrate your presence in this faith community. By becoming a part of us, you have refreshed and renewed God's church. In the name of Jesus Christ, as your Pastor and on behalf of the First Congregational Church, I extend my right hand of Christian love, and friendship and welcome you into membership of the First Congregational Church.

Pastor:

Please join me in prayer: O God, we praise You for calling us to faith and for gathering us into Your church. We thank you for your people gathered and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we love in the Spirit, building one another up on your Spirit, sharing regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have the same mind as Jesus the Christ. Amen.