

***Sending Hymn** -Standing on the Promises - **Blue Hymnal # 410**

vs. 1&5

***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**

Rachel Poches

*Join us in Fellowship Hall for our 150th Historical Presentation
Lunch will be served as well*



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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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



Now he is God not of the dead,
but of the living ...

Luke 20:38, NRSV



November 9, 2025

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

Prelude

Rachel Poches

Chimes

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

All: The Lord has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"- **Blue Hymnal #90**

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 (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

Brian Webb

Haggi 1:15b-2:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"The Return"

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

Special Music - "Love Crucified Arose" - **Jean Howarth**

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**

***Special Music** - "I've Got Joy" - **Jean Howarth**

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Altar Rep: Jack Butterick

Greeting us today: John & Gail Cooper

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader: Brian Webb

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

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 ~

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black passed away peacefully October 19. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Nov 22 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Please keep Bill and family in your prayers.

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 9

- 9:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour 150th Historical Presentation along with Lunch - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. The Chosen Season 5 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 10

- 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. Tech Board - Library

Tuesday, November 11 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Wednesday, November 12

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

Thursday, November 13 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

Sunday, November 16

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

Our Church News

We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God. Thank you Jean Howarth for sharing your gift of music with us this morning.

150th Historical Presentation - we will be taking a picture of the congregation, there is a hymnal for you to sign and leave a message if you'd like, we will unveil the new plaque and lunch will be served along with a presentation of the past.

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

Noisy Offerings will be on 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/jb

Christmas Craft Sale and Plum Pudding Shoppe - Saturday, Dec 6 - 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.

Poinsetta order forms are included in the bulletin. If you would like to order please fill out the order form and include your check and put in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Orders are due November 19.

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.



Poinsettia Order



Red 6 1/2" 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**