

**\*Hymn of Preparation - “Come to the Table” - Blue Hymnal #462**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (Litany is on the screen)

**Music for Communion - “Let Us Break Bread” - The Voices of Six**

**\*Sending Hymn - “Make Me a Blessing” - Blue Hymnal #670 vs 1&4**

**\*Benediction**

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](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.

***The First Congregational Church***

*Your Independent Worship Center*



***January 18, 2026***

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

**Prelude**  
**Announcements**  
**Welcome**

**Lorene Witte**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 40)**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

**All: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**All: Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

Pastor: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn - “The Solid Rock” - Blue Hymnal #526 vs 1 & 4**

**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**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for use while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

**\*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 to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:1-9. John 1:29-42**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Ruth Cowles**

**Message:** “Called to be Saints”

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*The Apostle’s Creed** (see screen)

**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:** Carrie DeMull

**Greeting us today:** Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Kelly Parks

**Song Leader:** The Voices of Six

**Scripture Reader:** Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday: Brian Webb

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Mat Emerick (21)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

**Prayer Requests ~**

The Family of Duane VanDuzen - the funeral service will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, January 23 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation Thursday, January 22 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Crandell Funeral Home and Friday, January 23 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at church.

### **This Weeks Calendar**

#### **Sunday, January 18**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

#### **Monday, January 19**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 20** - Church Office Closed

#### **Wednesday, January 21**

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. Trustees - Library

**Thursday, January 22** - Church Office Closed

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

#### **Friday, January 23**

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

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

10:00 a.m. Visitation for Duane VanDuzen

11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Duane VanDuzen - sanctuary

#### **Saturday, January 24**

#### **Sunday, January 25**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

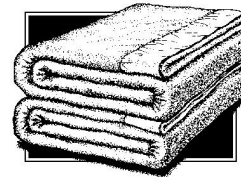
### **Our Church News**

**Greetings! Whether this** is your first Sunday with us or your five-hundredth, we're so glad you're here! Every time we gather to worship is worth celebrating. If you're visiting today, we extend an extra warm welcome and hope you'll stop in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation after the service!

**The Tuesday Small Group** meeting at the home of Pat Krehn will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. (Note the time change for this meeting) on January 27.

**New Board & Committee Secretary/Chairs** - be sure to include the office email in your emailing of agendas & minutes ([congo@fremontfcc.org](mailto:congo@fremontfcc.org)) so they can be kept on file.

**Ladies - are you interested** in a Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Moon Dance. If you would like to come and have lunch together sign up on the sheet by the church office or in Fellowship Hall so we can plan accordingly.



**The Board of Charitable Giving** will be supporting Community Closet for the first quarter of the year. Beginning today, January 18 - February 22 we will be collecting Blankets (new or clean used). Save your coins for the Noisy Offering on March 29 will donations going to Community Closet.

**Contribution Statements are available** in the box by the church office. They are in alphabetical order. Stop and pick up your statement if you need it for your taxes.

