

***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**

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Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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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



January 18, 2026

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

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

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**

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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 us 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.**

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

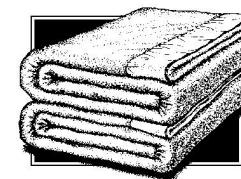
Our Church News

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) 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.

