

**\*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*



**Christ**

**the POWER of  
GOD and the  
WISDOM of**

**God**

*1 Corin<sup>th</sup>ians 1:24*

**February 2, 2026**

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

**Prelude**

**Lorene Witte**

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 15)

Pastor: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;**

Pastor: in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" - **Blue Hymnal #128**

**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 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**

**Brian Webb**

**Micah 6:1-8, I Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "The Upside Down World of Christ" **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*The Apostle's Creed** (words projected)

**Special Music** - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

**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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Litany** (words projected)

**Special Music** - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Books

**\*Sending Hymn** - "I Surrender All" - **Blue Hymnal #596**

**\*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. *continued on back page*

**Altar Rep:** Carrie DeMull

**Greeting us today:** Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Dave White

**Song Leader:** Stacey Church

**Scripture Reader:** Brian Webb

Next Sunday:

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

### **Prayer Requests ~**

Cathy Kellerman - going on her 11<sup>th</sup> week of shingles (plus a staff infection under the shingles) - they are improving she says

Jim Rynberg - hospitalized

### **This Weeks Calendar**

#### **Sunday, February 1**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with communion  
Special music by Stacey, Martha, Jack
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

#### **Monday, February 2**

- 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. Women's Fellowship Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, February 3 - Church Office Closed**

#### **Wednesday, February 4**

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study with Beth - Library

#### **Thursday, February 5 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Friday, February 6**

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

#### **Saturday, February 7**

#### **Sunday, February 8**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

### **Our Church News**

**Welcome! We're so glad** you're here for worship today. Our prayer is that you experience God's presence in a meaningful way. Take a moment to greet someone nearby — we're a family in Christ, and we're grateful you're part of this gathering.

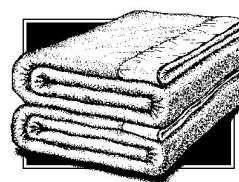
**Men's Fellowship Luncheon** will be this Wednesday, February 4 at 12:00 noon. Our speaker is Pastor Luke and our chef is Bill Black.

**The Women's Bible Study** led by Beth Hooker will be meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

**A new church address directory** will be printed in the next couple weeks. If you have additions or changes to the directory that need to be made, or if you would like to be included in the directory please let Lorene know.

**Ladies - are you interested** in a Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (*note the location change*). 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.

**Game Time** - Come with your favorite game and a dish to share on Sunday, February 15, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for a time of good fellowship and fun!



**The Board of Charitable Giving** will be supporting Community Closet for the first quarter of the year. Beginning 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.

**The Sound Booth is looking** for volunteer help with operating the sound board or running the projector (the projector is all set to go - you just need to advance the slides at the appropriate time) for worship. If you are interested and willing, talk with Pastor Luke or Jeff Stewart.

**Mark Your Calendar** - Our next Town Hall meeting will be Saturday, March 18.