

### **\*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

David Vandenbeldt



## *Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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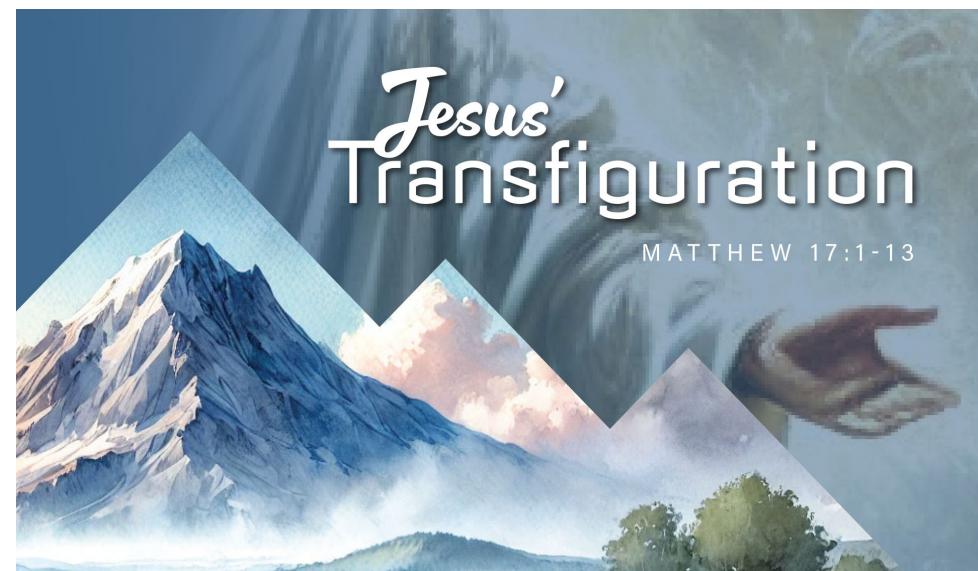
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.

# *The First Congregational Church*

## *Your Independent Worship Center*



February 15, 2026

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

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

Pastor: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

All: **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;**

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

All: **Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.**

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn - "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" - Blue Hymnal #2

Prayer of Confession

All: **Almighty God, we enter your presence humbly, aware that we approach you from a world that chooses to walk in darkness, apart from you. Each one of us has ignored and even denied the enlightening power of Jesus Christ. We confess now our sins to you, God of power and might. Penetrate our darkness by the power of Christ's light, that we may live in the joy of knowing and loving you and each other.**

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! Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

All: **Praise 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 to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!  
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

**Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "The Transfiguration"

Pastor Luke Schmalz

\*The Apostle's Creed (words projected)

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

Communion Litany (words projected)

\*Sending Hymn - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #340

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**Altar Rep:** Carrie DeMull

**Greeting us today:** Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Pat Krehn

**Song Leader:** Stacey Church

**Scripture Reader:**

Next Sunday:

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Jean Morehouse (17)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

**Prayer Requests ~**

Cathy Kellerman - dealing with shingles for many weeks

Jim Rynberg - moved to a rehab center in Saline, MI - closer to his daughter Saline Evangelical Home, 440 W Russell Street Saline MI 48176

The family of John Whitlock

### This Weeks Calendar

**Sunday, February 15**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Game Time - Fellowship Hall

**Monday, February 16**

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

**Tuesday, February 17** - Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday**

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study with Beth - Library
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 19** - Church Office Closed

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

**Friday, February 20**

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

**Saturday, February 21**

**Sunday, February 22**

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

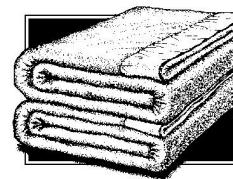
### Our Church News

**Welcome to worship!** You are more than friends and neighbors; you are family to one another in the Lord. Take a moment to welcome each other in Christ's love.

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

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

**Join us on Wednesday, February 18** at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for our **Ash Wednesday** service as we begin a meaningful journey toward the cross and the empty tomb. Ash Wednesday reminds us of God's mercy, redemption and the hope we have in Jesus. Join us as we gather for reflection and prayer.



**The Board of Charitable Giving** will be supporting Community Closet for the first quarter of the year. **Next Sunday is the last day** for our collection of new and used (clean) blankets. *Community Closet desperately needs blankets/comforters and anything warm, they can't keep them in stock, the need is far greater than we can imagine.* Save your coins for the Noisy Offering on March 29 will donations going to Community Closet.

**New 2026 church address** directories are available for you to take. They are located on the bulletin table and on the table by the church office.

**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.

**Rooms of Refuge** will be using Fellowship Hall February 23 - March 2. Evening dinners are needed and 2 lunches. If you are willing please sign the sheet by the church office.

**Mark Your Calendar** - Our next Town Hall meeting will be Saturday, March 28.

**Life Line Screening** will be in Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 30. See flyer on the office window for information on signing up.

**Lorene will be out** of the office February 16 - 20.