

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ministry Moment - Carrie DeMull

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

***A Prayer For Revival Dismissal Prayer**

Almighty God, we come before you today with a humble heart, acknowledging your grace and love. Your Word, declares your desire for all to experience salvation. We thank and worship you for this gift.

Today, We ask you to breathe new life into our church. Grant us the grace to reach Fremont, sharing the Good News. May a renewed passion ignite within us, a fervent desire to spread the message of hope and salvation.

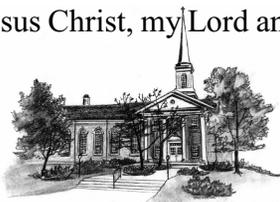
Help us to deepen our love for you, our Heavenly Father, and love for our neighbors. May we see the people of Fremont through your eyes, recognizing their worth and longing for their salvation as you do. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, filling us with the strength, wisdom, and courage to proclaim your gospel with clarity and conviction.

Our deepest desire is to see the people of Fremont and the surrounding communities accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. May we play a role in bringing this transformation to pass. Ignite the fires of revival within our church. May we shine as a beacon of hope, drawing people to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

***Sending**

***Postlude**



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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



February 22, 2026

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

Prelude

Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 32)

Pastor: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

All: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

All: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn - "O Worship the King" - Blue Hymnal #104 vs 1,2,5

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51)

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 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: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: *"The Tempter"*

Pastor Luke Schmalz

*The Apostle's Creed (words projected)

*Hymn - "Seek Ye First" - Blue Hymnal #713

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

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Altar Rep: Carrie DeMull

Greeting us today: Pat Krehn

Next Sunday: Gary & Beth Hooker

Song Leaders: Gary & Beth Hooker

Scripture Reader:

Next Sunday:

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Bev Williams (26)

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

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, February 22 - *First Sunday of Lent*

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, February 23

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. Executive Council - Library

Rooms of Refuge - Feb 23 - March 2

Tuesday, February 24 - Church Office Closed

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

Wednesday, February 25

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 with Beth - Library

Thursday, February 26 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, February 27

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

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

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1 - *Second Sunday of Lent*

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Our Church News

Friends and friends-to-be, we welcome you to this time of worship, faith education and Christian fellowship. May the Word of God nourish you for your life and ministry in the days to come.

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

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.

Thank you, thank YOU for your donations of blankets for Community Closet. We will complete our giving this quarter with a Noisy Offering on Sunday, March 29 with those coins also given to Community Closet.

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

