

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

Rachel Poches



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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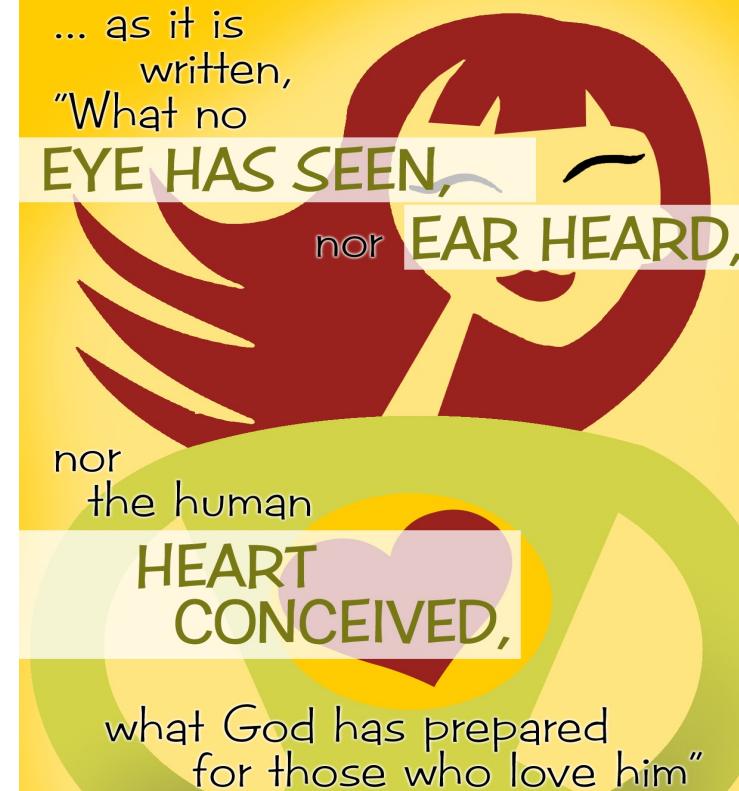
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



February 8, 2026

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

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 112)

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

All: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Pastor: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

All: **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn -“When Morning Gilds the Skies” - Blue Hymnal #215**

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

Rachel Poches

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

I Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Know Nothing”

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***The Apostle’s Creed** (words projected)

***Hymn - “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” - Blue Hymnal #89**

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**

***Sending Hymn - “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” - Blue Hymnal #210**

***Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face *continued on back page*

Altar Rep: Carrie DeMull

Greeting us today: Dave White

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader:

Next Sunday:

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Susan Stewart (11), Ginny Price (13), Dean Morehouse (14)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Cathy Kellerman - going on her 12th week of shingles (plus a staff infection under the shingles) - they are improving she says

Jim Rynberg - hospitalized

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, February 8

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

Monday, February 9

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.	Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, February 10 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m.	Small Group - Pat Krehn's home
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Wednesday, February 11

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 12 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m.	Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall
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Friday, February 13

9:30 a.m.	Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
11:30 a.m.	Valentine's Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15

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

Our Church News

We're thankful you've joined us in worship. As the psalmist says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who loves us, sustains us and blesses us beyond measure.

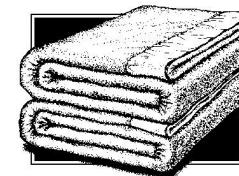
The Women's Bible Study led by Beth Hooker will be meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.

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.

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.