

As we prepare to leave we ask you to breathe new life into our church. May a renewed passion be kindled within us, a fervent desire to spread the message of hope and salvation to our community. Ignite the fires of revival within our Church. Help us to deepen our love for you and love for our neighbors. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, filling us with the strength, wisdom, and courage to proclaim your gospel with clarity and conviction. May we long for our community's salvation as you do and help us to shine as beacons of hope to our community. Amen.

*Sending

Pastor Luke Schmalz

*Postlude

Lorene Witte

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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



October 4, 2026

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting

Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

Pastor: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

All: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn- “Holy, Holy, Holy ”- Blue Hymnal #3**

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 Church All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Philippians 3:4-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “I Press On”

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 #462

Sacrament of Holy Communion (communion litany projected)

Communion Music - “ I Am Thine, O Lord” - Voices of Six

Sending Hymn - “Higher Ground” - Blue Hymnal #549 vs 1

***Dismissal Prayer for Revival** (words projected - unison)

Almighty God, we have gathered here today to worship you.

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: Rap & Karen Posnik

Song Leader: Voices of Six

Scripture Reader: **Next Sunday:**

Tech Booth - Robin, Kendra, April, Carrie, Jeff

Happy Birthday to ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 4

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with communion - Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. CROP Walk Soup Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6 - *Church Office Closed*

- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Harmony Hybrid - Upstairs

Wednesday, October 7

- 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 Lunch - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Bible Study with Beth - Library

Thursday, October 8 - *Church Office Closed*

- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Harmony Hybrid - Upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

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

Looking Ahead to Sunday's in October:

- Oct 11 - Special Music - Leslie Anderson
- Oct 18 - Walk Up Choir
- Oct 18 - Annual Meeting
- Oct 25 - Char Spaulding YFC presentation
- Sally DeShetler's 104th birthday

Our Church News

We warmly welcome all who have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one another with the love of Christ. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table. Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. Amen..

If you would like to know where you are with your 2026 Pledge giving contribution statements are in the basket by the church office for you to pick up.

Woman's Fellowship will be serving an All You Can Eat Soup Luncheon (Make a Meal Soup) for a donation to CROP Walk TODAY following worship. Please make your check payable to CWS/CROP. 25% of all monies collected stays in Newaygo County. Thank you for your Support!

Members and Friends - Men's Fellowship will hold their monthly lunch on Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. A light lunch will be served. Our speaker will be Dean Morehouse Dean's message has relevance to everyone, not just athletic coaches. "We All Coach"!

Walk Up Choir on Sunday, October 18. Bill Black has picked out a song and he will be asking for a "walk up" choir to help sing. No experience necessary!! Join in singing on October 18.

The Board of Christian Ed is considering a Trunk or Treat event for Halloween Hours (Oct 31). In order to accomplish this we would need 7-10 volunteers willing to decorate and open their "trunks" to pass out candy. Would you be willing? Contact Crystal and let her know so she can begin planning. Candy donations will also be needed.

Lorene will be out of the office October 9 - 19 and October 26. I will be able to receive your texts, phone calls and emails.

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 18, 2026 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2026, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2027 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2027. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Carrie DeMull, Clerk



Poinsettia Order



Red 6 1/2" pot - 4-7 blooms **\$12.00** _____ (Quantity)

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Poinsettia(s) to be used during Advent.

_____ Following worship service, I/we will pick up our poinsettia(s).

_____ Following worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our poinsettia(s) in an appropriate way.

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each poinsettia ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or turned into the church office no later than **November 15, 2026 - NO LATE ORDERS**