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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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



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The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude **Lorene Witte**

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 90)

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

All: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Pastor: For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

All: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn -** "This Is The Day" **- Blue Hymnal #209**

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.

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.

Scripture:

I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Day of the Lord" **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Prayers of the Congregation - Recognition of Our Veteran's

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**

Communion Preparation - "Come to the Table**" - Blue Hymnal #464**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music - "Jesus Paid It All" **- Voices of Six**

Ministry Moment - Denise Halgren - Harmony Hybrid

Special Music - "Great is the Lord" - (Chris Tomlin) **-**
Harmony Hybrid Students

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

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

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Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg
Greeting us today: Kelly Parks
Next Sunday: Ted Caris
Song Leader: Voices of Six
Scripture Reader: *Next Sunday*:
Tech Booth - Robin, Kendra, April, Carrie, Jeff
Happy Birthday ~
Sandy Gardenour (Spradling) (13 - belated wishes),
Barb Veldman (16), Luke Pfeiffer, Rosemary Tittle (19)

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November15 - ***Poinsettia orders due!***
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Pancake Brunch - Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 16
9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
Rooms of Refuge (16-23)
6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library
Tuesday, November 17 - *Church Office Closed*
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Harmony Hybrid - Upstairs
Wednesday, November 18
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. Bible Study with Beth - Library
Thursday, November 19 - *Church Office Closed*
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Harmony Hybrid - Upstairs
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 20
9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
Saturday, November 21
Sunday, November 22 - ***Pumpkin Pie Sunday***
10:00 a.m. Worship- Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead to Sunday's in November:
Nov 22 - Special Music - Rev Rap /Pumpkin Pie Sunday
Nov 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent- Blanket (& Towel) Drive for Community Closet
- Honoring David Vandenbelt

Our Church News

We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God.

A "cry room/nursery" is available on the second floor. You are welcome to watch/listen to the service from there. (This is not a staffed nursery.)

This morning we recognize our Veterans. Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost. Today we honor those who serve, and we pray for veterans, and active-duty military members and their families.

This morning we welcome Denise Halgren, head of Harmony Hybrid who will share a ministry moment and some of the students who will be presenting a special musical number, which includes American Sign Language.

JeLy Church (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You) - **10:00 a.m.** (note new time) - All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church right when you arrive to church (there will be no dismissal during the service)!
Pancake Brunch following worship today - Come enjoy a Pancake Brunch along with some great fellowship. All are invited!

Plum Pudding Shoppe - The Christmas Craft Fair is a month away - are you thinking about items to donate for the Plum Pudding? A list of ideas and restrictions are located in your October and November Carillon or speak with Mary Butterick if you have further questions. We are grateful for your support in the past and we hope we can count on you again.

Mark Your Calendar for the 38th Annual Christmas Craft Fair - Saturday, December 5 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tell your friends!! Spread the word!! Our ladies (and men) have been hard at work and have some wonderful unique crafts to sell.

Poinsettia orders are due TODAY Sunday, Nov 15. Order forms are on the bulletin table in the narthex.

We have about 5 short white pews upstairs that need a new home. Would you be interested? Let the church office know. Cost: donation.

The River Country Community Choir will present "A Promise Fulfilled " Christmas Concert - Sunday, Nov 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest. Singing with the choir from our church are Bill Black and Dave White.