***Sending**	**Pastor Luke Schmalz**
***Postlude**	**Jack Brooks**



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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



* Falls on the 34th and final Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), closing out the church year before the First Sunday of Advent begins on November 29, 2026.

* Liturgical Color: White or gold, symbolizing divine glory

* History: Established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to affirm Christ's authority over all aspects of life and secular society.

November 22, 2026
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The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude **Jack Brooks**

Announcements

Welcome

Special Music - "Welcome" by Mark Miller & Laurie Zelman - **Rev. Rap Posnik**

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

All: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn -** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **- Blue Hymnal #45** vs 1&4

Prayer of Confession

All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All: Thanks 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.

Scripture:

Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24, **Matthew 25:31-46**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Shepherd and his Sheep" **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Special Music - "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman - **Rev. Rap Posnik**

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 -** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" **- Blue Hymnal #688**

***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 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.

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Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg
Greeting us today: Ted Caris *Next Sunday*: Pat & Tracy Stern
Song Leader: Pat Krehn
Scripture Reader: Susan Stewart *Next Sunday*: Carrie DeMull
Tech Booth - Robin, Kendra, April, Carrie, Jeff
Happy Birthday ~ Loretta VanDuzen(21)
Health Concerns ~ Robin DeKleva, Sally DeShetler, Judy Nadeau-Salacina
Thank you to Jim Rynberg and Jack & Mary Butterick for the beautiful altar display to help us remember to thank God for the many blessings He has given and for the season of harvest.

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 22 - ***Pumpkin Pie Sunday***
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. JeLy Church - JeLy Room (Jesus Loves You)
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Narthex

Monday, November 23
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)

Tuesday, November 24 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, November 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. Bible Study with Beth - Library - This will be our last meeting of 2026. We will resume in January, 2027

Thursday, November 26 - *Church Office Closed*
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27
9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29 - *1st Sunday of Advent*
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. JeLy Church - JeLy Room (Jesus Loves You)
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead to Sunday's in November:
Nov 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent- Blanket (& Towel) Drive for Community Closet
- Honoring David Vandenbelt

Our Church News

Today we honor Christ the King, the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold together. We joyfully welcome all worshipers to this celebration of his reign—ushering us into the peace and justice of God's kingdom. Come, take your place among the gathered faithful, and offer your worship to the King of all.

JeLy Church All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church at 10:00 a.m. (there will be no dismissal during the service)!

Stop by the table in the narthex this morning following worship for a slice of pumpkin pie and a cup of coffee.

Advent & Christmas Eve hand out cards are included in the bulletin and on the table in the narthex. Pass them out and invite others to worship.

Bible Study with Beth will meet on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. This will be our last meeting of 2026. We will resume in January, 2027

Next Sunday, November 29 join us for cake as we thank David VandenBelt for helping us out and filling in at the keyboard for the last several years. David we appreciate your continued help in leading worship at the keyboard!!

Barbara Vietze, wife of our former pastor, the Rev. Frank Vietze passed away on Monday, November 9. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date at Meijer Gardens - a favorite place of Barbara & Frank.

Plum Pudding Shoppe - The Christmas Craft Fair is less than a month away - are you thinking about items to donate for the Plum Pudding. 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.

The 38th Annual Christmas Craft Fair - Saturday, Dec 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.

We have about 3 short white pews upstairs that we would like to get rid of. Would you be interested in taking a pew? Let the church office know.

Requested Announcements

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:00 noon at Grace Community Church, 105 W Sheridan on Thanksgiving Day. Please RSVP the number attending to 231-335-4816. (Leave a message if no answer).

The River Valley Community Choir's Christmas Concert on 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.