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** **Jack Brooks**

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



November 8, 2026
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The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude **Jack Brooks**

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 78)

Pastor: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.

Pastor: He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

All: so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn -** "Open My Eyes That I May See" **- Blue Hymnal #563**

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.

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

Scripture:

I Thessalonians 4:9-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Love and Hope" **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Special Music - Jean Howarth

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**

Special Music - Jean Howarth

***Closing Hymn -**"Rejoice the Lord is King" **- Blue Hymnal #370** vs 1&2

***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.

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Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg
Greeting us today: Ruth & Miles Cowles
Next Sunday: Kelly Parks
Song Leader: Bill Black
Scripture Reader: *Next Sunday*:
Tech Booth - Robin, Kendra, April, Carrie, Jeff
Happy Birthday - Gary Hooker (8)

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 8
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, November 10 - *Church Office Closed*
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Harmony Hybrid - Upstairs
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Wednesday, November 11
9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
1:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library (note date change)
4:00 p.m. Bible Study with Beth - Library

Thursday, November 12 - *Church Office Closed*
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Harmony Hybrid - Upstairs
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 13
9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15 - ***Poinsettia orders due!***
10:00 a.m. Worship with communion - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 p.m. Pancake Brunch - Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead to Sunday's in November:
Nov 15 - Communion / Veteran's Recognition / Walk Up Choir/ Pancake Brunch / Poinsettia orders due / Ministry Moment Harmony Hybrid / Hope Initiative begins
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

A friendly welcome to each worshiper! We are pleased to have each of you here to glorify God and sing praises to the Almighty.

This morning we welcome Jean Howarth who will be sharing her gift of musical talent with us this morning. Welcome, Jean!

Date Change - We will not be having the Pancake Brunch this morning - it has be rescheduled to next Sunday, November 15 following worship. Come enjoy a Pancake Brunch along with some great fellowship. All are invited!

Next Sunday, Nov 15 is filled with many good things. We will have Communion / Veteran's Recognition / Walk Up Choir / Pancake Brunch / Ministry Moment Harmony Hybrid with a special song / Hope Initiative begins/ Poinsettia orders are due.

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

Rooms of Refuge will be using Fellowship Hall November 16 - 23. We still need lunch and dinner for Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd . If you are willing please sign up on the sheet by the church office.

We have about 5 short white pews upstairs that we would like to get rid of. Would you be interested in taking a pew? Lew the church office know. Cost: donation only.

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.

Pat's Small Group will not be meeting the month of November. The next gathering will be Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Dean and Jean Morehouse. We will also be doing a "Cookie Swap".

Requested Announcements

Mark your calendar for the River Country Community Choir's Christmas Concert on Sunday, November 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.