

***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 - "Great I Am" - **Leslie Anderson**

***Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

*Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Postlude:** Recorded

Requested Announcements

All are invited to an Ole Fashion Hymn Sing Saturday, October 7th at The Shack 2263 W 14th, White Cloud starting at 7:00pm sponsored by Bible League's Newaygo County volunteers led by Christi Handy and friends. Free will offering will be taken. Sweet treats to follow provided by The Shack.

Do you enjoy singing sacred choral music? Can you commit to rehearsing and learning music? Join us - the River Country Community Choir!! Beginning October 17- December 8 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Newaygo United Methodist Church. Concert will be Saturday, Dec 9 at 3:00 p.m. Grant Fine Arts Center.

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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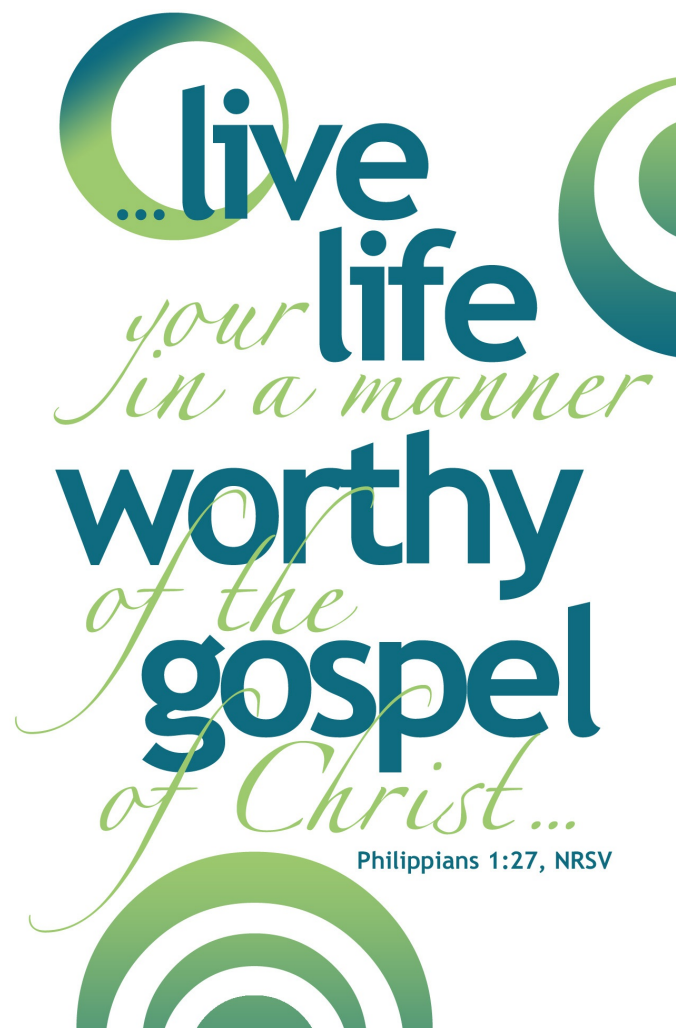
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center



September 24, 2023

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

Prelude: Recorded

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Psalm 105:1-5; 37-45

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Pastor: Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn** - "Take My Life and Let It Be" - **Blue Hymnal #597**
(vs 1, 3, 4, 5)

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! (Jonah 3:10) When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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.

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

Scripture:

Exodus 16:2-15, Philippians 1:21-30(text), Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Living is Christ"

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

***Hymn** - "Jesus, All for Jesus" - words on screen

Youth for Christ Special Presentation

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen
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Greeting us today: Lou Delguardia

Next Sunday: Susan Stewart

Song Leader -Leslie Anderson

Tech Booth - Jeff Stewart, Garrett Hanshue, Robin DeKleva

Happy Birthday to ~

Norah Schmalz (30)

The flowers on the altar are given by Dean & Jean Morehouse in celebration of fall.

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Bill & Millie Sherman

Health Concerns: Jim Rynberg

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 25

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, September 26 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 27

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:00 p.m. Family Night - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 28 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Supper - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshipping together.

Welcome to the Youth for Christ representative who will be giving a presentation this morning on their program.

Pastor Luke will be beginning a sermon four week series preaching thru the book of Philippians. The first of the series begins today.

The Nominating Committee is charged with the duty of recommending a slate of elected officers, board and committee members for 2024 to members at the Annual Meeting in October. There are a number of vacancies to be filled. I will be calling you to explain the positions that are open and wanted to let you know it is utmost on my agenda. Please consider these opportunities and prepare to do God's work. With many blessings. Mary Butterick

Family Night - Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. This week we are doing "potluck" - bring something to pass.

We are participating in the Harvest Parade on Thursday, September 28. We need volunteers to walk or ride along with our float. We have candy to pass out. Please sign the sheet on the office window or at the coffee counter if you are willing and able to join us.

Women's Fellowship will be serving a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, September 29 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. This will be donations only for the CROP Walk. Take out will be available.

Sunday, October 1 is the date for this year's Fremont Area CROP Hunger Walk! Please join in FCC's tradition/fundraiser set for Sunday, October 1 at 12:45 p.m. in Veteran's Memorial Park. Sponsorship of walkers and donations will be appreciated in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services September 10-24. Please make your check payable to Church World Services. Jack and Mary B will match the first \$300. Come to the Spaghetti Suppers sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Thank you ladies!! See Jack or Mary Butterick or Shelli Waldo for more information or to give a donation. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

Come ~ travel to Spain with us as Kendra Lachniet presents A Travelogue on Spain on Sunday, Oct 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar.

Board and Committee Chairs please start to think about your report for the Annual Report. The Annual Meeting is set for October 15 and reports are **due to the church office TODAY!**