



Poinsettia Order



The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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The Stairway to Heaven

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Morning Song

Psalm 136

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good....

Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Jack Brooks

Camille Saint-Seans

Emma Lou Diemer

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Chimes

Call to Worship

“Come to the Feast”

Chancel Choir

Homer/Ogdan

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord” (verses 1, 2, 4)

Blue Hymnal #210

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

92 N.T.

Message

The Stairway to Heaven

Rev. John Koedyker

***Hymn**

“When We All Get to Heaven” (verses 1 & 3)

Blue Hymnal #772

Special Music

“One World One Communion”

Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music for Communion

Two Communion Improvisations

Jack Brooks

Sidney Saxton

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Offertory

Gentle Like You

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

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**

***Closing**

“He Keeps Me Singing”

There’s within my heart a melody; Jesus whispers sweet and low;
“Fear not, I am with thee; peace, be still,”

In all of life’s ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus-Sweetest name I know,

Fills my every longing Keeps me singing as I go.

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Fanfare for Organ

Jack Brooks

Ronald Arnatt

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Savior, Jesus. Welcome!

*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

*Families with young nursery age children are welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Carol Black
Altar Flowers:	Bob & Sally DeShetler(<i>today</i>) (next week)
Greeters:	Ted Caris(<i>today</i>) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Ushers:	Dick Ramm, Bill Black, Georgia Paxton(<i>today</i>) Gary & Jaime Deuling, Kendra Lachniet(next week)
Compassion:	Steve Johnson & Helen Miller
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Steve & Karla Johnson(<i>today</i>) Gary & Jaime Deuling(next week)

The flowers on the altar are given by Bob & Sally DeShetler.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Sarah Huizenga, Brandon Zeerip (5), Jack Brooks, Jaime Deuling, Sue Harrington, Gary Hooker (8)

Happy Anniversary to ~

John & Maxine Dykstra (10)

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Don Potter - medical concerns

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 5

8:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Monday, November 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library
7:00 p.m. Friendship Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 7 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Technology Board Meeting - Library
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, November 9- Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, November 12 - All Saint's Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship BBQ lunch - Fellowship Hall

Guests - please take a "ToasterTong" home with you today as our gift to you for attending our service. You can find them on the Welcome Table at the entrance you came in. No more burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a "Toaster Tong" but is not a visiting guest, please make a contribution to the WOODSHOP. See Dean Morehouse, Bernie Denney, Bill Black or Pastor Dekker for more information.

Our Church News

This morning we welcome Rev. John Koedyker from Grand Haven as our guest pastor.

There is no Story Bell today - the Cry room is open.

Bonnie Erber, Colleen Conant and Sherri Keleghan would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who participated in their luncheon last Sunday. The silent auction will conclude today. Soup to buy will be available for a donation. Donations received will help fund the Guatemala Mission Trip in February 2018.

It's time for the Christmas Shopping & Home Tour preparations to begin. Shelli will be passing out your tickets to sell. Please see Shelli for your envelope or check the basket by the church office.

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring our Harvest Ingathering once again. Please donate to this worthy cause in one of two ways: 1) Bring a check made out to True North with Food Pantry in the memo line. There will be a basket for checks on our food collection table in Fellowship Hall. True North will use your money to buy food in bulk and other less expensive ways. 2) Bring canned and boxed food items to Fellowship Hall and place them on the table provided. A good time to purchase some of these items is during the Spartan sale. Let's see if we can fill up our table to overflowing! Jack Butterick will deliver food and checks to True North in mid November. Thank you!!

Book Circle will meet Tuesday, November 14 (Note the date - a week earlier due to Thanksgiving) at the home of Rosemary Tittle. We will listen to information about Robert Louis Stevenson (which we never got around to previously). This will be our last meeting of the season. We do meet in December.

On Sunday, November 12 we will be remembering those who passed this year by lighting a candle in their memory. We will also be lighting one candle for all those who have passed in the time Pastor Ray has been here. Please pass this on to those who have lost a loved one. We would encourage them to attend All Saint's Sunday with us on November 12.

Christmas is right around the corner! Make your gift giving easy by ordering SCRIP for your loved ones! We have over 400 companies for you to choose from, including Amazon, clothing stores, restaurants, gas cards, Best Buy, Target, LL Bean, etc. Many companies are found across

the country! Talk with us to look at and/or receive a complete list of participating companies.

Women's Fellowship will be having a Lunch following worship next Sunday, November 12 . Karla & Jaime will be making pulled pork bbq sandwiches, baked beans, pasta salad and dessert. Donations will be given to the Board of Charitable Giving.

Requested Announcements

TrueNorth Community Services 2017 Coats for Kids (& Adults) collection is October 2 to November 3. Donations of new or gently used coats are sought to ensure every child and adult are safe and warm this winter. Volunteers are needed for the distribution from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM November 11. For more details or to register, contact Phil Gabel at (231) 924-0641, ext. 119, or pgabel@truenorthservices.org.

Save the date- Sunday, December 3 - Fremont Wesleyan Church will host a concert with Jason Gray, Chris August and Hanna Kerr sponsored by CureUs.

All veterans, along with their spouses, are cordially invited to attend a breakfast in their honor on Sunday, November 12 from 7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church.

Announcing "ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and **meant to go and enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Neh. 8:10

"Go and enjoy":



Sunday, November 19 - Thanksgiving Turkey Soup Supper, Treats and Trivia at the Church, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Karla makes a turkey soup that will make you thankful you came! Plus all new Thanksgiving trivia questions and many more interesting facts about Pilgrims, Turkeys and much more!

Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501



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