

Women's Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

Coffee & Tea Bar provided

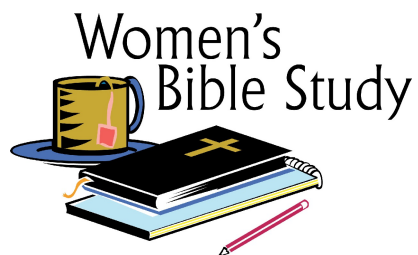
March 24, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Child Care Provided

Invite your neighbors & friends

All are welcome



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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Secretary Lorene Witte 924-4710

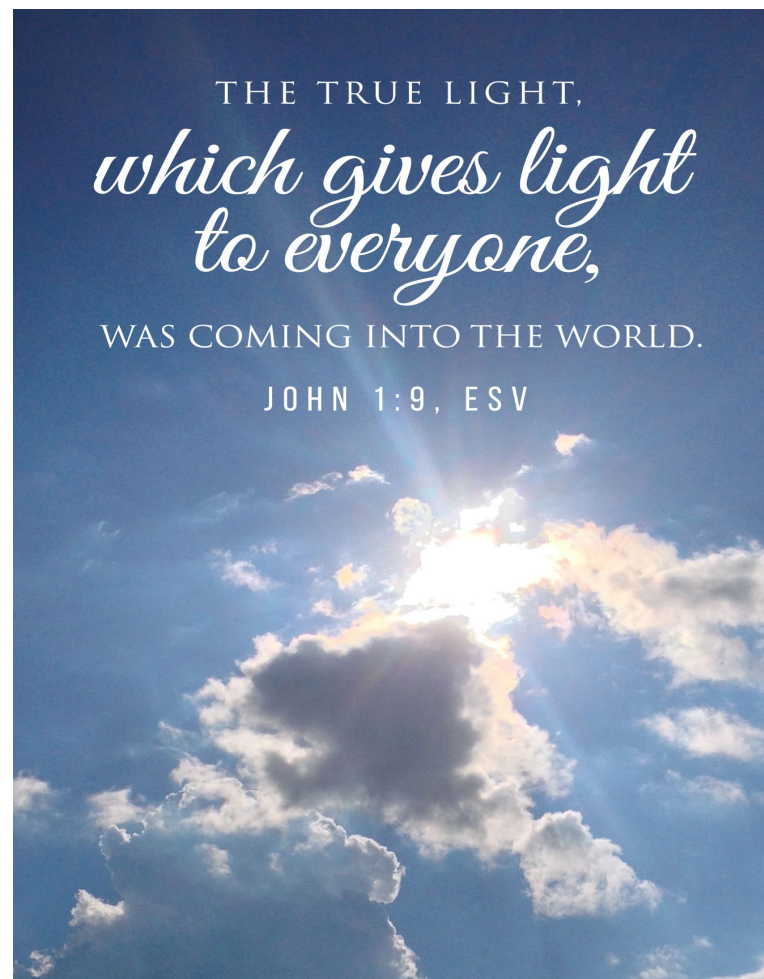
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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



March 19, 2023

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

All: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Opening Prayer

Special Music - “Hymn of Heaven” - **Karen Roggatz**

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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 to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

This is the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

Response - “Man of Sorrows” (chorus 2 times) - **Praise Group**

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

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “I Am the Light” - *Pastor Luke Schmalz*

Apostles Creed - “This I Believe” - **Praise Group**

***Hymn** - “Mighty to Save” - **Praise Group**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation followed by **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

***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**

***Closing Hymn** - “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” - **Blue Hymnal #237**

***Benediction**

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

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

***Postlude:** Lorene Witte



Greeting us today: Jeannie & Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Carrie & Tony DeMull

Happy Birthday to ~

Betty Speet (19), Bernie Denney, Al Smalligan (23)

Happy Anniversary to~

David & Mary Zeerip (24)

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns:

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 19 - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, March 20 - *Church Office Closed*

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, March 21 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, March 22

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, March 23 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, March 24

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 25

7:30 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

Sunday, March 27 - *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

10:00 a.m. Worship (with rescheduled Lenten Drama)

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - 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.

Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook. And now it is also available in a third location YouTube. Our "channel" can be found at First Congregational Church of Fremont MI. Be sure and check out one of our three locations.

Offering plates are located in the narthex at this time, they will not be passed. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

World got you down and need a lift? Longing to know what true happiness really is? Come join us for our Men's Lenten Breakfast held at Church of the Living Christ (605 Hemlock) on Saturday mornings February 25 - April 8, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and how to live out these 8 life-altering principles. Discover the joy of loving on God's Kingdom path. The theme this year is "The Beatitudes." Suggested donation: \$5.00

Craft Corner - Spring items made by our crafters are available for a donation only (checks made out to Women's Fellowship). These items are located in the old Boy Scout display case which currently displayed pictures in Fellowship Hall.

The special Lenten Drama "Circus Parable" that was scheduled for last Sunday has been rescheduled (due to case illness) for Sunday, March 26. The drama is based on the classic Christian film "Parable"- it's the allegorical story of a circus under the rule of an evil puppet master, and "the man who dared to be different," who gave his life to save others! As a follow up to the drama presentation the actual movie "Parable" will be

shown in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. A potluck will be held before the movie from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Book Circle will have an organizational meeting at the Fremont Public Library Board room on Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. Questions - call Ann Werner 924-0192



