

# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



## Welcome!

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## **The Order of Worship**

\*please stand, if you are able

**Prelude:** Lorene Witte

**Welcome and Announcements:** Stacey Church

### **Call to Worship - Psalm 15**

Pastor: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

Pastor: who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

**All: *who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.***

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

**All: *The Lord's name be praised!***

### **Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn - "When Morning Gilds the Skies" - Blue Hymnal #215**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things  
and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed  
and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way.  
Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed  
and sit at your feet.

**All: *Amen.***

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Hear the good news!  
Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have obtained access to this grace  
in which we stand;  
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
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.

**Scripture:** Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: *Thanks be to God***

**Message:** "Welcome" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

**\*Hymn - "Joy Unspeakable"- Blue Hymnal #740**

### **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

**\*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 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - Blue Hymnal #210**  
(vs 4)

**\*Benediction**

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.

**\*Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: *And also with you.***

**\*Postlude:** Lorene Witte

**Greeting us today:** Dick Ramm

*Next Sunday:* Kelly Parks

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Searl Frei(17), Shelli Waldo(19), June Britt, Jennifer Dekleva(23)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

**Prayer Requests ~**

**Our shut-ins:**

JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Bill & Millie Sherman

### **This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, July 17**

10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
2:00 p.m. Visitation for Susan Bull - narthex  
3:00 p.m. Memorial Service fo Susan Bull - sanctuary

**Monday, July 18**

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

**Tuesday, July 19 - Church Office Closed**

1:00 p.m. Book Circle - Bev Williams' home

**Wednesday, July 20**

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

**Thursday, July 21- Church Office Closed**

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

**Friday, July 22**

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

**Saturday, July 23**

**Sunday, July 24**

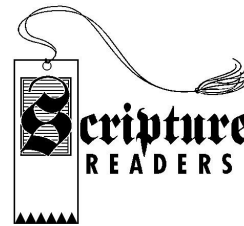
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

### **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. Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

**Today's service will be** available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://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, we will not be passing them. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.



**We are looking for volunteers** who would be willing to read the scripture on various Sunday's. If you are able, please speak with Pastor Luke or send him an email.

**Book Circle will meet** Tuesday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Bev Williams (yes, she is providing the place again). Sally DeShetler will provide the dessert. Members are asked to bring a book to share.

**The Nominating Committee is charged** with the duty of recommending a slate of elected officers, board and committee members for 2023 to Members at the annual meeting in October. There are a number of vacancies to be filled. I will be calling you in August 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 B.