

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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Therefore,
since we are surrounded by
so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside
every weight, and...
run with endurance the race
that is set before us,
looking to Jesus
the founder and
perfector of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2



August 14, 2022

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Karen Roggatz

Welcome and Announcements: Stacey Church

Call to Worship

Pastor: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: *Christ dwells among us and is one with us.*

Pastor: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

All: *He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.*

Pastor: Come now, all who thirst,

All: *and drink the water of life.*

Pastor: Come now, all who hunger

All: *and be filled with good things.*

Pastor: Come now, all who seek,

All: *and be warmed by the fire of love.*

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Blue Hymnal #403 vs1,2,4

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God!

And see beyond our apathy,

our thoughtlessness,

our self-centeredness,

our wrong choices.

See into our hearts,

for you are our treasure.

All: *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for

us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new

creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

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: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*

Message: *Give Justice* - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***Apostles Creed** - words on wall

***Hymn** - “We are Called to Be God’s People”- **Blue Hymnal #415**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Shut-In Video

Prayers for the Shut-In’s

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** - “Here I Am Lord” - **sing-a-long video** Blue Hymnal#589

***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:** Karen Roggatz

Greeting us today: Jean & Dean Morehouse

Next Sunday: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Happy Birthday to ~

Jack Stewart(14), Crystal Schmalz(16), Patti Johnson (19)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

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

The family of Van Nadeau who passed away Friday, July 25. Services were held yesterday.

Pat Krehn - recovering from knee surgery

Brad Church - hip replacement surgery

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 14

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, August 15

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

7:30 p.m. Trustees - Library

Tuesday, August 16 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Book Circle at the home of Anne VandeKieft

7:00 p.m. A Summer Celebration of Music - Dogwood Center

Wednesday, August 17

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Bible Study - Week 4- Library

Thursday, August 18 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, August 19

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

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 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.

A four week Bible study on prayer, which began July 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the library continues for 1 more week. If you missed last week - you are still welcome to join us this week Wednesday.



Book Circle will meet Tuesday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Anne VandeKieft. Ann Werner will do the book review. New members are always welcome.

Mark your calendar for *A Summer Celebration of Music* on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts presented by The First Congregational Church. The concert will feature local talent including our own Deb & Mat Emerick. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. See the flyer enclosed in the bulletin.



Requested Announcements

The Newaygo United Methodist Church, 101 State Road, Newaygo invites you to a concert by the New Legacy Project formerly the Blackwood Legacy on Sunday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. The New Legacy Project blend the best of Country Gospel, traditional and edgy newer Southern Gospel, with today's popular worship music, while staying true to the Gospel Message. Admission is free!