

***Closing Hymn** - “Send the Light” - **Blue Hymnal #437** vs. 1

***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:** David VandenBelt



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The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center



August 28, 2022

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: David VandenBelt

Welcome and Announcements: Stacey Church

Call to Worship - Psalm 112

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**All: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**All: For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

Pastor: They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**All: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.**

Pastor: The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "He is Exalted"- Blue Hymnal #36 sing a long video**

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

All: forgive us;

Pastor: for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

All: forgive us;

Pastor: for all the times we have acted without love,

All: forgive us;

Pastor: for all the times we have reacted without thought,

All: forgive us;

Pastor: for all the times we have withdrawn care,

All: forgive us;

Pastor: for all the times we have failed to forgive,

All: forgive us.

Pastor: For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

**All: God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our
burden of regret. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! The Lord is faithful in all his words, and
gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

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: Proverbs 25:6-7, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: *Go and Serve- Pastor Luke Schmalz*

***Apostles Creed** - words on wall

***Hymn** - "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy"- **Blue Hymnal #677**

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**

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Greeting us today: Kendra Lachniet

Next Sunday: Dick Ramm

Happy Birthday to ~

Elise Pfeiffer (29), Heidi Redding (31)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Al & Nancy Smalligan (29), Mike & Jane Stroschin (31)

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

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

Pat Krehn - recovering from knee surgery

Brad & Stacey Church - recovering

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, August 29

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, August 30 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, August 31

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, September 1 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, September 2

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

No worship here - Worship together at 10:00 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park

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.

Mark your calendar for the next Ecumenical Worship Service at Veteran's Memorial Park. NEXT Sunday, September 4 we will worship together at 10:00 a.m. Bring your lawn chair for seating. Pastor Luke will be giving the message. The offering will be for the Hand to Hand ministry. The service will be live streamed on Trinity Christian Reformed Church's u-tube channel.



We will be taking orders for Church t-shirts. Samples are in the fellowship hall along with a sheet to place your order.

A celebration of life gathering for Raymond Smith will be held at Lakes 23 on Saturday, September 3 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Requested Announcements

Grieving? We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group. This 14 week course offers help and support to those grieving. A \$10 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide our healing. There is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any time. However, you are encouraged to attend all sessions. We begin on Tuesday, September 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at First Fremont CRC. Registration is helpful but not required 924-2460.

First Reformed Church will be hosting a live stream of the annual Revive our Hearts 'True Woman 2022' conference in their auditorium on September 22-24. With a theme entitled 'Heaven Rules,' women will be connected across the world with a reminder to anchor their hearts to the unshakable truth that Jesus is King. Cost to attend is \$15 and includes light meals all 3 days.