

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Postlude:** David VandenBelt



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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.

# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



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**Happy Birthday First Congregational Church!!**

**149 years!**

**August 8, 2024**

**August 11, 2024**

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

**Prelude:** David VandenBelt

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**All: there is no end to his greatness.**

Pastor: One generation shall praise your works to another

**All: and shall declare your power.**

Pastor: All your works praise you, Lord,

**All: and your faithful servants bless you.**

Pastor: They make known the glory of your kingdom

**All: and speak of your power.**

Pastor: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**All: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymns** - "God Is Here" - *see insert or screen*

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to you will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever. Amen.**

**Prayer**

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 everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Hear the good news! You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the

household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**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.

**JeLy Bell!** All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church!

(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

**Scripture:**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, John 6:35, 41-51

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "149 Years of Pointing to the Bread of Life"

- **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

**\*Hymn** - "O God Our Help in Ages Past" - **Blue Hymnal #606**

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for our 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - *see insert*

**Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests**

**The Lord's Prayer** (words projected)

**\*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** - "Another Year is Dawning" - **Blue Hymnal #811**

**Benediction**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**

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## Our Church News

**Altar Rep:** Susan Stewart

**Greeting us today:** Brad & Stacey Church

Next Sunday: Ted & Jeannie Caris

**Song Leader:** Pat Krehn

**Tech Booth** - Thank you volunteers!

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Jack Stewart (14), Crystal Schmalz (16)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

Jeff & Susan Stewart (11)

**Prayer Requests ~**

The family & friends of Mary Zeerip - Funeral service was Saturday in Arizona.

The family & friend of Gerald Church - Funeral service is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Fremont Christian Church - visitation 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### This Week's Calendar

#### **Sunday, August 11**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

#### **Monday, August 12**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:30 p.m. Tech Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, August 13** - *Church Office Closed*

7:00 p.m. The Deb Emerick Summer Celebration - Dogwood Center

#### **Wednesday, August 14**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:00 p.m. Family Night - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, August 15** - *Church Office Closed*

No Crafters

10:30 a.m. Car Pool from church to Carrie DeMull's Women's Gathering

#### **Friday, August 16**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

#### **Saturday, August 17**

#### **Sunday, August 18**

10:00 a.m. Worship (Walk Up Choir)

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

**Welcome to worship!** We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member.

**Join us Tuesday**, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. for the Deb Emerick Summer Celebration of Music. A great list of artists will be presenting a wonderful evening of entertainment. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Free Admission - money received will be given to the Newaygo County Compassion Home. All money will be matched up to \$20,000.

**Family Night** meets this Wednesday August 14.

**Crafters will not** meet this Thursday, August 15 so you can attend the Women's Gathering at Carrie DeMull's home on Martin Lake.

**Ladies:** You are invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Gathering on Thursday August 15, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the home of Carrie and Tony DeMull on Martin Lake. Please bring a dish to share - the beverage and main course will be provided. *Please sign up on the sheet in the window of the church office so we can plan accordingly.* We will carpool - be at the church at 10:30.

**Walk Up Choir is next** Sunday, August 18. We will be singing "It Is Well With My Soul" #705 and "Seek Ye First" #713. Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. or just "walk up" and sing.

**Word was received Friday** morning that Rev. Frank A. Vietze died early yesterday morning (6/30/36-8/8/24) in Worcester, MA. We are asking that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the food pantry at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, MI. A private celebration of life will be held at the convenience of the family.

### Requested Announcements

**Help Needed** - Carpet and Tile Removal Event - Saturday, August 24, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Rooms of Refuge has purchased the Christian Life Center Building (behind Family Dollar) and will be renovating. If you have gloves or tools that will help, please bring them along. Pizza and water provided. Questions? John David 652-4099

*Come when you can - Leave when you want*