

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



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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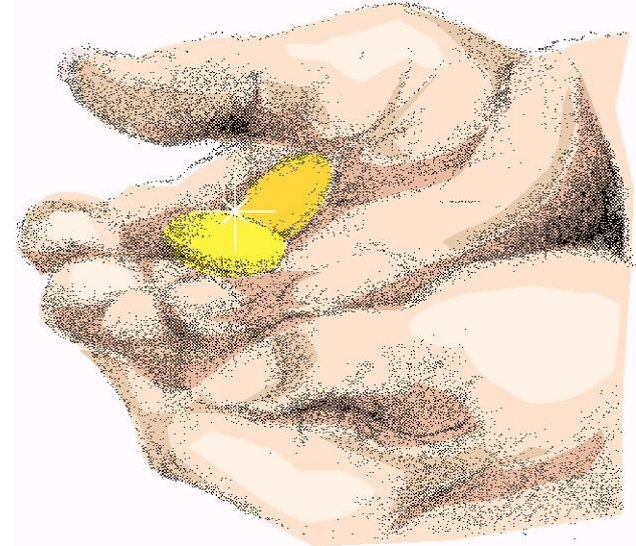
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Offering plates are located in the narthex.

"...she ... put in
everything -
all she had..."

Mark 12:44



November 10, 2024

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 146)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** -“Happy Our Home When God is There”- **Blue Hymnal #453**

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 (Based on Hebrews 9:26)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Jesus has appeared on for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

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:

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “The Scribes and The Widow” - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***The Apostles’ Creed** (words projected)

Special Music - “I Need Thee Every Hour” - **Allyson Hull**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

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**

Special Music - “How Great Thou Art” - **Allyson Hull**

***Closing Hymn** - “More Precious Than Silver” - **Blue Hymnal #88**

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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Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg

Greeting us today: Lou Deleguardia

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Garrett, Robin, Lou, Kendra

Happy Birthday to ~

Barb Veldman (16)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 10

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Hope Initiative Kick Off - Library
- 5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 11

- 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. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, November 12 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, November 14 - *Church Office Closed*

- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 15

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, November 16

Sunday, November 17 - *Poinsetta Orders Due!*

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. All Church Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Christmas Craft Sale and Plum Pudding Shoppe

Saturday, Dec 7

10:00 am -2:00 p.m.

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

This morning we welcome Allyson Hull to our worship service. My name is Allyson Hull. I am married to my husband Mitch and we have two sweet boys. Ryker is 4 and Theo is 2. I have been singing on my church worship team since I was 15 years old and have only grown in my love of music and have a passion for helping draw others into worship through music. I recently had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at a minor league baseball game and am currently pursuing being able to do the same at a Detroit Tigers game in the next year or two. I was also honored to sing at Aunt Debbie's Memorial concert a few months ago and am blessed to be able to be with you all here today. Thank you Allyson for sharing your gift of music with us.

Hope Initiative Kick Off TODAY following worship in the Library.

Harvest InGathering concludes TODAY - Thank you for your donations and checks.

Rooms of Refuge will be using our facility November 18-25. If you are willing to provide a meal please sign up on the sheet by the church office.

Saturday, December 7 - Less than one month away! Our ladies have been busy making crafts all year long. Pass the word and let your friends know our sale will be from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Plum Pudding needs your help! You have been generous in the past with your baked goods and specialty items. Please consider helping us again. In accordance with the State of Michigan Food Requirements the required list of food items that can be made for Plum Pudding can be found in the November Carillon.

Requested Announcements

Christmas for Newaygo County - Friday, Dec 6 at the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup/Salad lunch served at 11:15 a.m. Silent Auction until 12:30 p.m. Entertainment: Bernadine Johnson, Christy Handy, Jean Howarth, Mick Hanna and Bob Johnson. Holiday music plus an audience sing-a-long. Cost table of 8 - \$300.00 Individual - \$40.00 RSVP to Jim Rynberg by Friday, Nov 22 via phone 231-225-0316 or email mayor@fremontmi.gov. Checks payable to: Christmas for Newaygo County.



Poinsettia Order



Reflection Questions for All Church Meeting
November 17 - following worship

- Red 4 ½” pot - small blooms **\$8.00** _____ (Quantity)
 - Red 6 ½” pot - 4-7 blooms **\$12.00** _____ (Quantity)
 - Red 7"double - 10-14 blooms **\$20.00** _____ (Quantity)
 - Red 8"triple - 14-18 blooms **\$30.00** _____ (Quantity)
 - Red 10"quad - 18-24 blooms **\$38.00** _____ (Quantity)
- Pot cover will be gold

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Poinsettia(s) to be used during Advent.

_____ Following worship service, I/we will pick up our poinsettia(s).

_____ Following worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our poinsettia(s) in an appropriate way.

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each poinsettia ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or turned into the church office no later than **November 17, 2024 - NO LATE ORDERS**

1) What do you love about First Congregational Church (FCC)?

2) What are your hopes for FCC?

3) What do you think FCC should look like in 25 years?

4) What would Fremont lose if FCC ceased to exist?

5) What does your ideal church look like and how does FCC compare to that?

Please bring this with you to the All Church Meeting next Sunday