

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

*The Peace of Christ

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Sending

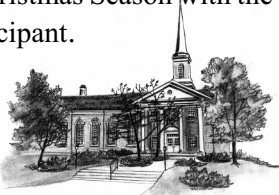
Pastor Luke Schmalz

*Postlude: Rachel Poches

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.

Advent Celebration - Come and See ~ Go and Tell presented by the River County Community Choir Sunday, Dec 1, 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. The choir consists of residents of Newaygo County representing over 15 area churches. Begin your Christmas Season with the Christmas music sung by the choir. David White is a participant.



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

Keyboard/Organist Rachel Poches, David VandenBelt, Lorene Witte

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Offering plates are located in the narthex.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center

Then Jesus began to say to them,
“Beware that no one
leads you astray.”

Mark 13:5, NRSV



November 17, 2024

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 16)

Pastor: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

All: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Pastor: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - “The Solid Rock” - **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

Pastor: Hear the good news! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of 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:

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Lead Astray” - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Special Music - “To God Be the Glory” #56 & “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #340 - **Walk up Choir**

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**

***Closing Hymn** - “Living for Jesus” - **Blue Hymnal #605** vs 1,2,3

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Our Church News

Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Pat Krehn

Song Leader: Bill Black

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Luke Pfeiffer, Rosemary Tittle (19)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Rachel & Greg Poches - the passing of Rachel's grandmother

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 17 - Poinsettia 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

Monday, November 18

- 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. Board of Trustees - Library

Tuesday, November 19 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 21 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

Sunday, November 24 - Christ the King Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Library (note location)

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 the "Walk Up Choir" will be singing. "To God Be the Glory" #56 and "Turn Your Eyes Upon" Jesus #340. You are welcome to join the choir at the appointed time.

All Church Meeting TODAY following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your question sheets (with answers) along with you. Pumpkin pie will be served!

Poinsettia orders are due TODAY!

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.

Fall/Thanksgiving In-gathering ... thank you!, Women's Fellowship for organizing this activity, and thank you!, Congregants for your contributions. The weight of the food donated to True North's Pantry Program was 105#. The \$75 you gave will buy 375 pounds of food. Thanks to your generosity, True North received 1/4 of a ton (480#) of food for the needy. I'm reminded of Matthew 25:21 ... Well done good and faithful servants. Jack B.

Thank you for your birthday greetings by calls, cards and emails. I appreciated and am grateful for each one. Sally DeShetler

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.

Christmas Craft Sale and Plum Pudding Shoppe

Saturday, Dec 7

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

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Poinsettia Order



Reflection Questions for All Church Meeting
November 17 - following worship

- Red 4 1/2" pot - small blooms **\$8.00** _____ (Quantity)
 - Red 6 1/2" 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 TODAY