

***Closing Hymn - "America the Beautiful" - Blue Hymnal #799**

Benediction

Pastor: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

All: Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude: Lorene Witte**



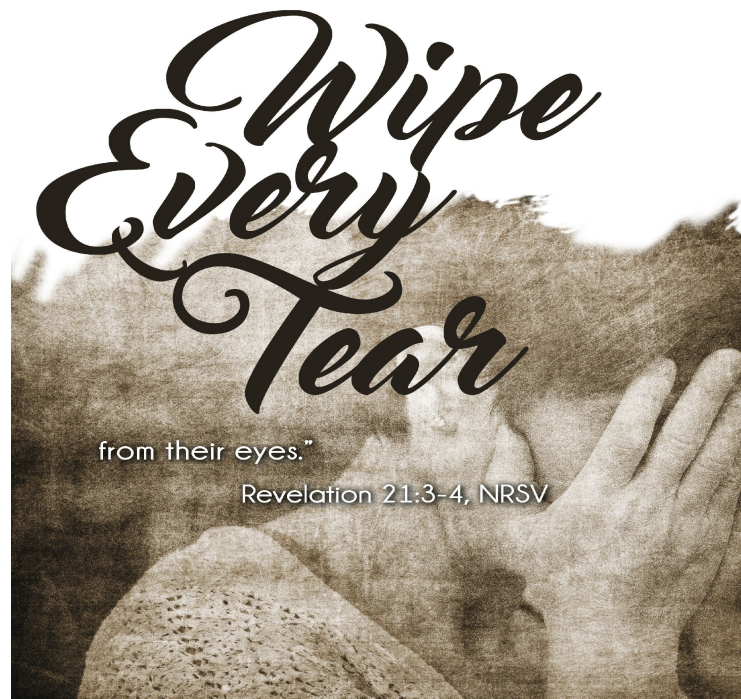
Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center

"God himself will be with them; he will



What is All Saints' Day? All Saints' Day is one of the major celebrations of Christianity. It has evolved over the years and moved around the calendar. Solidifying in the Middle Ages and continued to be celebrated after the Reformation by the Protestant Churches. It is a day to celebrate and acknowledge those who have passed away in the Faith and celebrate the bond between all believers. It is the day we think about and celebrates the one, holy and universal Church and the Communion of Saints that we speak every week in the Apostles Creed. It is traditionally celebrated on November 1 or the closest Sunday. We celebrate by reading the names of those members of First Congregational Church who have passed away in the last year and honoring the memory of other loved ones who have gone before us. It is a powerful reminder of our hope and the victory Christ won over death. For the Christian death is no longer something to be feared but a beginning and entrance into heaven. This Sunday we remember that Great crowd of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) who have gone before us and cheer us on as we run the race of the Christian life.

November 3, 2024

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 24)

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

All: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "For All the Saints" - Blue Hymnal #767**

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Prayer of Confession

All: Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

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:

Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Jesus Wept" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

Special Music - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

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**

***Preparation for Communion - "Come to the Table" - Blue Hymnal #464**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Special Music - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg

Greeting us today: Pat & Robin Dekleva

Next Sunday: Lou Deleguardia

Song Leader: Stacey Church

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Gary Hooker (8)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, November 3

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5 - Church Office Closed

- 1:00 p.m. Book Circle - Fremont Public Library

Wednesday, November 6

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 7 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - 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.

Today is All Saint's Sunday This morning we remember those of our congregation who have passed in 2024 - Millie Sherman, JoAnn Dekleva, Bill Sherman, Mary Zeerip and Dick Ramm as well as our loved ones who have passed before us.

Thank you to Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach and Jack Brooks for sharing your gift of music with us this morning.

Men's Fellowship Luncheon is this Wednesday, November 6 at noon. The program is James Kelly, Exc Director MSU Extension and chef is John Cooper. All men are invited - bring your friends!

Book Circle meets Tuesday, November 5 at 1:00 pm at the Fremont Public Library. This will be our last meeting until March, 2025.

Hope Initiative - Reinvigorate yourself and our church for the task of evangelism that can be completed in 30 days! We will be having another session. Sign up on the sheet by the office door if you would like to participate.

Harvest InGathering concludes next Sunday, November 10 - bring your pantry items to the table by the office. Checks are welcome - made out to TruNorth.

Our closing song again today will be a patriotic song as we pray for our country and look to the November election. This was requested by one of our members.

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.

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



- 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**