

Special Music - "What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei" - **Leslie Anderson**

***Closing Hymn** - "Give Thanks" - **Blue Hymnal #170**

Benediction

Pastor: May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

Looking Ahead - December Special Music/Service

Dec 1 - Leslie Anderson

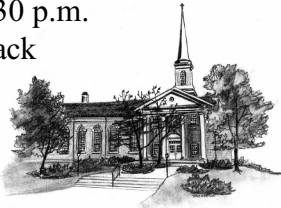
Dec 8 - Stacey, Martha, Jack

Dec 15 - Jean Howarth

Dec 22 - Drama - Mat Emerick

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve 6:30 p.m.

Dec 31 - Stacey, Martha, Jack



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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Offering plates are located in the narthex.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



December 1, 2024

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 25)

Pastor: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

All: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Pastor: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

All: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Children's Message & Lighting of the Advent Candle - Carrie DeMull

***Opening Hymn - "He Has Made Me Glad"- Blue Hymnal #214**

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. 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: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

All: Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

***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:

Jeremiah 33:14-16, I Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-26

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Be Alert"

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

***Special Music - "Noel" - Leslie Anderson**

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**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Our Church News

Altar Rep: Jim Rynberg

Greeting us today: Brad & Stacey Church

Next Sunday: Dean & Jean Morehouse

Song Leader: Stacey Church

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Robin DeKleva(2)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

For a beautiful day next Saturday with lots of shoppers!

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, December 1 - *First Sunday of Advent*

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 2

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

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

Tuesday, December 3 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, December 4

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

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

Thursday, December 6 - *Church Office Closed*

No Crafters

Friday, December 7

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

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

Saturday, December 8

Sunday, December 9 - *Second Sunday of Advent*

10:00 a.m. Worship

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. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all. Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future.

Advent Invite cards are located on the table in the narthex. It's not too late to give invite.

Saturday, December 7 - THIS SATURDAY! 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.

Community Closet is a Fremont charity helping the needy: We believe that God is able to provide everything that we need out of His love and abundance. There are no price tags in our store. Instead, we just ask that everyone gives as they are able.

Details: <https://www.communityclosetcharities.com>. At present, there is an urgent need for gently-used blankets and towels. Please bring your donations to Church on December 7 - January 6. Or if you prefer, your check to Community Closet Charities, and deposited in a specially-marked basket in the Narthex will be appreciated. Thank you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. For Charitable Giving, Jack

Requested Announcements

Advent Celebration - *Come and See ~ Go and Tell* presented by the River County Community Choir TODAY, 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest. The choir consists of residents of Newaygo County representing over 15 area churches. Directed by Aileen Matheson. Join us on this first Sunday of Advent begin your Christmas Season with the Christmas music sung by the choir. A free will offering will be received. David White is a participant.

Christmas Craft Sale and Plum Pudding Shoppe

Saturday, Dec 7

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