

***Sending Hymn - "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" - Blue Hymnal #2**

Benediction

Pastor: God the Father, who sent his Spirit upon his Son, bless you with the presence of his Spirit. Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father, abide in you and make you a manifestation of his life. And God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power, empower you to live a life of faith. To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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**



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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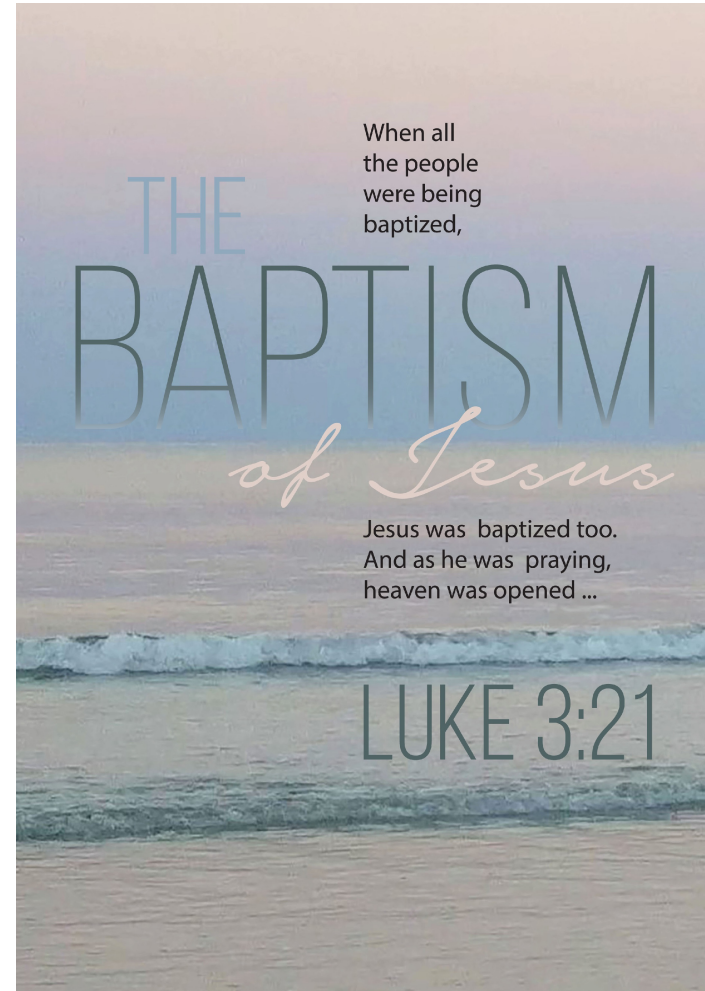
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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



January 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Gary Hooker - Guatemala Report

Call to Worship (Psalm 29)

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Pastor: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

All: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Pastor: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"- Blue Hymnal #128

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise. 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: Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son. Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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 the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Tracy Stern

Message: "Pray for the Holy Spirit"

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

***Hymn - "Spirit Song" - Blue Hymnal #384**

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**

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Our Church News

Altar Rep: Carrie DeMull

Greeting us today: Susan Stewart

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Stacey Church

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Nathan McKivitz(14), Lauren Stroschin (15)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Kelly Parks - fell and broke her hip - surgery has taken place with a partial hip replacement - therapy has begun - recovery is progressing

Dean Morehouse - gall bladder & gall stone surgery - recovery going well

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, January 12

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
Soup Lunch - Fundraiser for Guatemala - Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 13

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 Meeting - Library

Tuesday, January 14 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 15

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

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

Thursday, January 16 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 17

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

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

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Walk Up Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tom Schmidt

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. May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation.

This morning Gary Hooker will be sharing his experiences of his mission trips to Guatemala. He will be going again in February.

Following worship today the Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a Guatemala Soup Lunch Fundraiser following worship. *Generous donations* are welcome to support Gary Hooker.

Community Closet (final report) - Contributions through the final collection date, Jan 5, were: towels-65, blankets-19, winter clothing-23, bedding-12, cash-\$40. Thank YOU! very much for your donations. If you have gently used clothing, kitchenware, useful household items, please consider donating them directly to Community Closet. The entrance is on the east side of the Rec Center, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am - 5pm. Thank you, again, and Happy New Year. Charitable Giving/Jack

On Sunday, January 5 book marks were included in the bulletin. This is a Prayer for Revival written by Pastor Luke for our church as we begin 2025. Read this prayer often as you pray for our church and those of the Fremont area. Additional book marks are located on the table in the narthex. A few larger copies are there as well if you would like to post it on your refrigerator.

Pastor Luke will be on vacation January 17-20. **Pastor Tom Schmidt** will be filling in at the pulpit on Sunday, January 19.

Pastor Luke and Lorene sincerely thank you for the generous Christmas gift we received. We are grateful and blessed to be a part of the First Congregational Church.

Walk Up Choir will sing next Sunday, January 19. We will be singing Love Lifted Me #508 and Blessed Assurance #572. If you'd like to sing just "walk up" when it's scheduled.

"Noisy Offering" - On the fourth Sunday of each month we will be taking a "Noisy Offering" - bring your spare loose change along to church to put into the pail that will be passed. The Board of Charitable Giving and the Deacons will decide who will be the recipient of the offering each quarter. This quarter the recipient is the Community Closet.