

The First Congregational Church

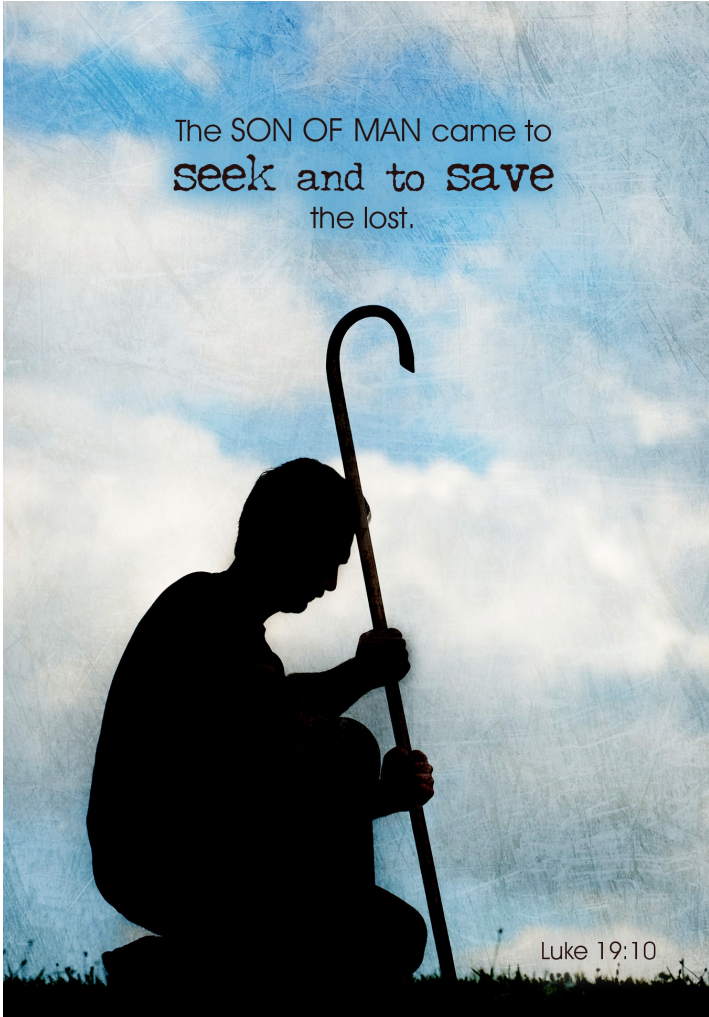
Your Independent Worship Center



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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 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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January 19, 2025

His Story is for us...God's Story

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 36:5-10)

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"- Blue Hymnal #295

vs. 1 & 3

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Tom Schmidt

He Seeks Us! He Sees Us! He Speaks to Us!

He Surprises Us! He Saves Us! He Sends Us!

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

Walk Up Choir - "Love Lifted Me" - Blue Hymnal #508

"Blessed Assurance" Blue Hymnal #572

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**

***Sending Hymn - "Jesus Saves!" - Blue Hymnal #438 vs 1,2,4**

Benediction

Pastor Tom Schmidt

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 Tom Schmidt

***Postlude:** Lorene Witte

Altar Rep: Carrie DeMull

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Bill Black

Song Leader: Bill Black

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Ann Werner (20), Mat Emerick (21), Fran Stewart (22)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, January 19

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

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

Monday, January 20

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. Trustees Board Meeting - Library

Tuesday, January 21 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 22

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

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

1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

Thursday, January 23 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, January 24

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

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

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

Pastor Tom Schmidt will be filling in at the pulpit on this morning. Welcome! Pastor Tom. **Pastor Luke will be** on vacation January 17-20.

Walk Up Choir will sing today. 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.



*"Zacchaeus, hurry and
come down, for I must
stay at your house today."*

LUKE 19:5