

**\*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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# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center

“But I say to you that listen,

*Love*  
your enemies,

*do good*

to those who hate you,

*bless*  
those who curse you,

*pray*  
for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

**February 23, 2025**

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

**Prelude:** Rachel Poches

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 37:1-6, 39-40)

Pastor: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**All: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him. Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** -“We Have Come Into His House”- **Blue Hymnal #224**

**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! “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**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**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Brian Webb**

**Message:**

*“The Way of Jesus”*

**Pastor Luke Schmaltz**

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

**\*Hymn** - “How Great Thou Art” - **Blue Hymnal #147**

**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** - “Make Me a Blessing” - **Blue Hymnal #678**

**\* Benediction**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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**

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**Altar Rep:** Carrie DeMull

**Greeting us today:** Dean & Jean Morehouse

Next Sunday: Lou Deleguardia

**Song Leader:** Beth Hooker

**Liturgist:** Brian Webb

Next Sunday:

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Beverly Williams (26)

**Prayer Requests ~**

Cathy Kellerman - broke her collar bone in a fall - painful

Sally DeShetler - broke her leg in a fall - her mailing address is

Apostolic Christian Village; 10680 Steiner Road, Rittman,

OH 44270 - Room 312

Susan VandenBelt - for several months hasn't been feeling well

Kelly Parks - recovering from her partial hip replacement

### *This Weeks Calendar*

#### **Sunday, February 23**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

4:30 p.m. Evangelism Training - Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday, February 24**

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. Executive Council - Library

#### **Tuesday, February 25 - Church Office Closed**

#### **Wednesday, February 26**

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, February 27 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Friday, February 28**

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

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

#### **Saturday, March 1**

#### **Sunday, March 2**

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

### *Our Church News*

**Welcome to worship!** Friends and friends-to-be, we welcome you to this time of worship, faith education and Christian fellowship. May the Word of God nourish you for your life and ministry in the days to come.

**Noisy Offering is TODAY** Sunday, February 23 (the fourth Sunday of the month) Put your loose change in the "noisy pail". Last month we collected \$236.00 for Community Closet. Community Closet will receive this month's offering as well.

**Book Circle begins again** on Tuesday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fremont Public Library. Enjoy books!?! YOU are welcome!!

#### **Dates to note:**

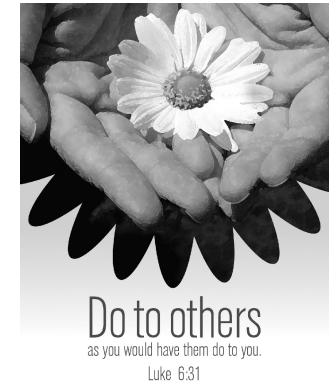
Sunday, March 1 - Special Music - Stacey, Martha & Jack

Tuesday, March 4 - Book Circle - 1:00 p.m. Public Library

Wednesday, March 5 - Men's Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 noon

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday Service - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 - All Church Meeting following worship



*Be merciful,*  
**JUST AS YOUR FATHER**  
*is merciful.*  
**LUKE 6:36**