

**\*Song of Preparation - "Come to the Table" - Blue Hymnal #464**

**Sacrament of Holy communion**

**\*Sending Hymn - "Majesty" - Blue Hymnal #10**

**\* 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**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmaltz**

**\*Postlude:** Lorene Witte

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, March 30 2025 for a special meeting to discuss the value and option of selling land north of the church. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting. Carrie DeMull, Clerk



*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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*... his face shone  
like the sun,  
and his clothes became  
white as light.*

March 2, 2025

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

**Prelude:** Lorene Witte

**Call to a Special Meeting** - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 99)

Pastor: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

**All: Holy is he!**

Pastor: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

**All: Holy is he!**

Pastor: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

**All: Holy is He!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** -“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”- **Blue Hymnal #2**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are deaf to your call. When you reach out to us through the cries of the hungry and homeless, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free to love and serve. 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! Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise 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**

Exodus 34:29-35, II Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

*“The Face of God”*

**Pastor Luke Schmaltz**

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

**\*Hymn** - “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” - **Blue Hymnal #648**

**vs 1 & 4**

**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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**Altar Rep:** Barbara Blass-Frisbey

**Greeting us today:** Lou Deleguardia

Next Sunday: Dave White

**Song Leader:** Pat Krehn

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Peter Lindner, Susan Zeerip (7)

**Prayer Requests ~**

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

Sally DeShetler - broke her leg in a fall

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

Kelly Parks - recovering from her partial hip replacement

### **This Weeks Calendar**

#### **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

#### **Monday, March 3**

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, March 4 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 5**

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 Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, March 6 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Friday, March 7**

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

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

#### **Saturday, March 8**

8:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

#### **Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday of Lent**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

### **Our Church News**

**Welcome to worship!** Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today.

**2025 Directories are ready** for you to take one home. They are located on the bulletin table and the white table by the church office.

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

**Men's Fellowship Luncheon** - Wednesday, March 5 at noon. Come join us for a delicious lunch and a guest speaker.

**Ash Wednesday Service** - Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. During the Lenten season, Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition. The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other.

**Men's Lenten Community Breakfast** begin this Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - April 19. They will be held at the Church of the Living Christ at 8:00 a.m. All Men are encouraged to attend.

**The All Church Meeting** scheduled for March 9 has been POSTPONED.

**Launching Soon** ..... Small Groups - stay tuned for more information.

### **Requested Announcements**

**Grieving? Anyone who has** lost a loved one is welcome to attend a GriefShare Group. This 13 week course offers help and support to those who feel lost. A \$10 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide your healing. You are encouraged to attend all sessions. However, there is an open door policy, so new people can join at any time. We begin this Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest. Register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or call 924-2460. Registration is helpful but not required.

**Life Line Screening will be** in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 26 call 877-792-8480 if you would like to schedule a screening. Or visit <https://discover.lifelinescreening.com>

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER

\_\_\_\_\_ **6" Pot Easter Lilies (5+ blooms): (\$15.00)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **10" Pot Easter Lilies (15+ blooms): (\$40.00)**

to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship service, I/we will pick up our  
flower(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship service, the Altar Committee may  
take care of my/our flowers in an appropriate way.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

This completed form, along with your payment for each flower ordered  
may be placed in the offering plate, or in the church office by **March 17,**  
**2025** (No Late Orders!)

