

***Sending Hymn - "Take Time to Be Holy" - Blue Hymnal #656**

***Benediction** **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Pastor: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending** **Pastor Luke Schmaltz**

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches

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 south 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

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



March 9, 2025

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Call to a Special Meeting - Pat Krehn for Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Romans 10:8b-13)

Pastor: "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

All: Praise God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn -"At the Name of Jesus"- **Blue Hymnal #766**

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

Pastor: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take

your holy spirit from me.

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! Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

***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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

"In the Desert"

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

***Hymn** - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - **Blue Hymnal #682**

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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Beth Hooker

Pastor Luke Schmaltz

Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Dave White

Next Sunday: Brian Webb

Song Leader: Stacey Church

Liturgist: Beth Hooker

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Stacey Church (14)

Prayer Requests ~

Sally DeShetler - slowly doing better but will be at the following location for a while yet - Apostolic Christian Village Room 31210680 Steiner Road Rittman, OH 44270 - she loves receiving cards from her friends!

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

Kelly Parks - recovering from her partial hip replacement

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, March 10

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. Tech Board - Library

Tuesday, March 11 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, March 12

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, March 13 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, March 14

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

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

Saturday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 16 - Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! The apostle Paul wrote: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). So we call on God's name and rejoice!

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. **ADDITION:** Please add Barb Clark to the Altar Committee and remove Ruth Cowles.

Men's Lenten Community Breakfast Saturday, March 8th - 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 today, March 9 has been **POSTPONED**. A new date will be shared soon.

Launching Soon Small Groups - stay tuned for more information.

Jean Howarth will be sharing her gift of music with us next Sunday, March 16 and Palm Sunday, April 13.

Maxine Dykstra, age 96 and former member of our church passed away in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, March 4. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 19 at Magnify Church Northview Campus - 4162 Hunsberger Ave NE, Grand Rapids with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Requested Announcements

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>

Patchwork Pear Place is offering a monthly fun and enriching time of creative and artistic exploration for children, young people and families. Mat will provide an eclectic assortment of creative and artistic activities that youngsters and family can try and learn about together. The first JAMS is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Patchwork Pear Place 308 N Division. The first session will feature ukuleles, percussion, juggling and chalk art. For more information call Mat at 231-519-4933.

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!)

