

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshiping together. Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments for those comfortable in attending.

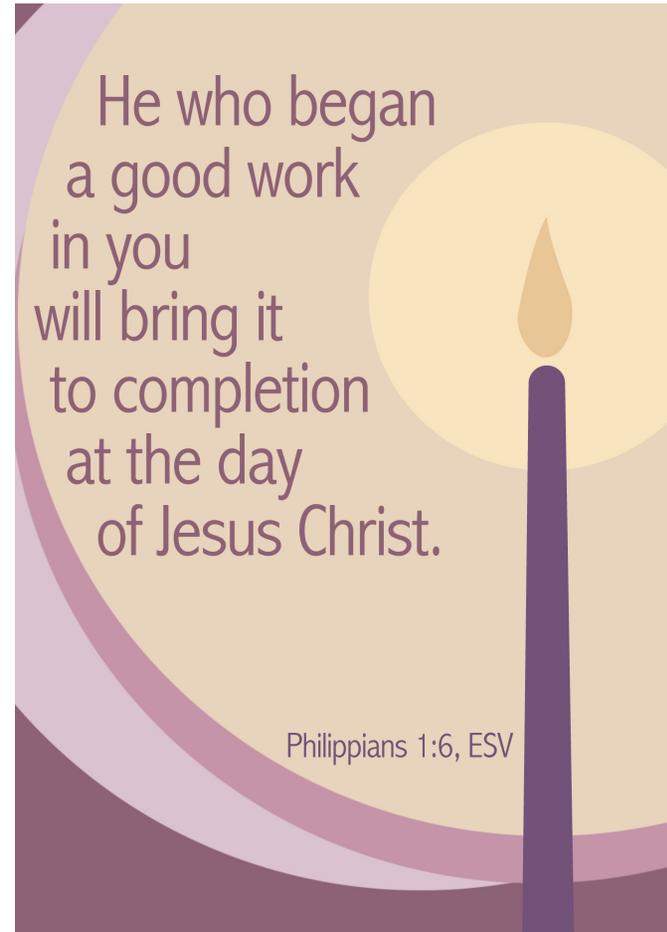
Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org

Offering plates are located in the Narthex at this time we will not be passing them. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

SCRIP is available to purchase after worship or contact Susan Stewart.

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The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center



October 24, 2021

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome and Announcements - Stacey Church

“Moments in Praise” - Gary Hooker

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - “Waymaker” Praise Group Verses -
Congregation join on chorus (*remain seated*)

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

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.

Scripture Reading: Phillipians 1:5-6, 2:22-30, 4:2-3, 4:21-22

Message: “*God’s Principle of Ministry Partnership*” - Pastor Tom Schmidt

***Hymn** - “They’ll Know We are Christian By Our Love” - **Blue Hymnal #429**

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord’s Prayer - “As It Is In Heaven” - Praise Group

***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**

***Closing Hymn:** “The Blessing Song” - Praise Group & Congregation

***Benediction**

***Worship Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

***Postlude:** Lorene Witte

Greeting us today: Jack & Mary Butterick

Next Sunday: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Altar Representative: Jim Rynberg

The rosebud on the altar last Sunday was in honor of new grandparents,
Craig & Susan Zeerip and the birth of their new granddaughter born to Collin
and his wife.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Jim Rynberg in honor and
celebration of Sally DeShetler’s 99th birthday.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~ Sally DeShetler (29)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Max & Yvonne Lee, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Norma
Purvis, Bill & Millie Sherman

Health Concerns: Jack Stewart - West Nile, Keegan Bulk - medical
concerns, Jack Butterick

Sympathy: Shelli Waldo - death of her nephew, Keith

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, October 24

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 25

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, October 26 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, October 27

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, October 28- Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 29

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, October 31

10:00 a.m. Worship

GOD'S PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING

The Principle of Ministry Partnership

Philippians 1:5-6; 2:22-30; 4:2-3; 4:21-22

God's Principle of M _____ P _____

The Christian journey is not an endurance of survival as in individual. The message that God has for us is that we are in ministry together. We are stronger together when we are unified in spirit.

Ministry is a partnership of God's devoted followers. It is people of all walks of life, race and experiences joining together to serve the Lord Jesus Christ through devotion and willingness to serve as God leads.

A. THE PURSUING OF GOD'S PRACTICAL PRINCIPLE OF MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Philippians 1:3-6 "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

We need to be reaching the people in our area, but not only in our area of responsibility – we have the statistics of the 10,693 with no religious affiliation within the 5 miles of First Congregational Church of Fremont.

We don't always have it right, do things right or sometimes even seek the best paths of making a difference. But we do need to serve God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength.

B. THE PRACTICING OF GOD'S PRACTICAL PRINCIPLE OF MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Philippians 2:22-30 (NIV) "But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For

he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me."

I want us to move into a new thought processing and adopt a philosophy of "e _____". This is a life ministry of investment; it is person to person. That is the way to build the life of the church.

When fear is all around us, faith needs to be expressed, expressed and exercised!

C. THE PERFORMANCE OF GOD'S PRACTICAL PRINCIPLE OF MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Philippians 4:2-3 "I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of

Prices are paid to b _____ r _____. Prices are paid to build ministry partnerships. There is a sacrifice of self for the greater cause.

With this emphasis on Ministry Partnerships as a Practical Principal we can identify some steps to have engagement for the cause of Christ.

Here are 5 Steps that I believe God wants us to take.

- 1. Read God's Word**
- 2. Pray for Engagement**
- 3. Look for opportunities and take every opportunity for engagement. To tell others about Jesus.**
- 4. Be open with your own life and story of life change.**
- 5. Be thankful and rejoice in the Lord**