

# The First Congregational Church



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**Tear Here**

**Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place it in the offering plate.**

**Your Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number or email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Prayer Request** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like someone to contact you?**  Yes  No

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 10, 2019*

*10:00 a.m.*

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

**The Order of Worship**

\* those who are able, please stand

**Prelude**

**Sylvia Lee**

**Opening Special Music**

**Choir**

“Praise to God Immortal Praise”

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #790**

“We Gather Together”

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Special Music**

**Choir**

“For the Autumn Sky”

**Story Bell**

**Mat Emerick**

“The Jugglers Dream”

**Hymn of Preparation**

**Blue Hymnal #389**

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 1)

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living god, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fil me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

**Message**

**Arriel VanSingel**

*Giving Your Gifts*

**\*Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #429**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**Offertory**

**Choir**

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

**\*Doxology**

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**

**Blue Hymnal #670**

“Make Me a Blessing” (verse 1)

Out in the highways and byways of life,

Many are weary and sad.

Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,

Making the sorrowing glad.

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing

Out of my life may Jesus shine.

Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray.

Make me a blessing to someone today.

**Benediction**

**\*Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

**\*Postlude**

**Sylvia Lee**

*Dear family of God, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, our Savior. May you be nourished by the very Bread of Life.*

\*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

\*Large print Bibles and bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

\*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshiping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

\*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

\*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors.

*Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.*

### ***Serving Us:***

Altar Rep:	Jim Rynberg
Altar Flowers:	Stacey Church(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) Linda Oosterhouse & Pat Krehn(next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Stacey Church.

### ***Celebrating this week:***

*Happy Birthday to ~*

### ***Prayer Requests ~***

*Our shut-ins:* Frank Blain, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Health Concerns - Jerry & Helen Miller, Jan Stone, Briann & Zack Meeuwenberg and their unborn baby (Guy & Renae` Redinger's daughter)

### **This Week's Calendar**

#### **Sunday, November 10**

8:45 a.m. Choir rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase

#### **Monday, November 11**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, November 12 - *Church Office Closed***

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open  
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Lounge  
6:30 p.m. Men's Gathering (Tim Tebow Series)- F. Hall

#### **Wednesday, November 13**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
6:15 p.m. Praise Group rehearsal - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, November 14 - *Church Office Closed***

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall  
1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Friday, November 15**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Saturday, November 16**

#### **Sunday, November 17**

8:45 a.m. Praise Group rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase  
5:30 p.m. ConGo EnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

## Our Church News

**We are privileged to have Arriel VanSingel** leading us in worship this Sunday morning. Arriel is a graduate of Grant High School and Central Michigan University (CMU) in Mt. Pleasant. She was employed by His House of Christ Church on Central Michigan's campus as an Event Coordinator until 2015 when she began working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). She was an FCA Area representative for Newaygo and Kent Counties until 2018. She returned to CMU in 2018 to be the FCA Campus Representative. Her main responsibility is to be invested in the lives of the athletes on CMU's campus.

**Next Sunday, November 17**, we are happy to welcome back Jim Tanis. Jim has led our worship service many times and we are thrilled he is returning.

**Thanks to everyone who** was able to attend the Life Expressions Make & Take Sign Party! We had a great time! We made \$183.00 which will be given to the Board of Charitable Giving. Pat Krehn

**Please do not delay in personally requesting** your building access credential from Lorene. Without it you may be inadvertently locked out of the church building. The credential consists of either a proximity card, (similar to those used by hotels), or an easy to use smart phone application. In order to get your own credential you must personally request our church secretary, Lorene, to issue one to you. If it is inconvenient for you to stop by the church office to pick it up, a proximity card can be mailed to you. A smart phone application must be activated by personally bringing your phone to Lorene.

**Attention Ladies:** The Holiday Shopping & Home Tour will be here soon. I will be hosting the Complimentary "Tea, Coffee & cookies" and am asking for your help in providing whatever delicious treat you could. If you make a bar type dessert, it is helpful if they are pre-cut in the pans. Please have them to the kitchen by Friday, December 6. Thank You so much! Shelli Waldo

**SCRIP is available for purchase** in Fellowship Hall following worship. See Susan Stewart.

**Creative Ministries Players present "Help! It's Christmas!"**- a special drama for worship with a fun and poignant look at the stresses and strains that many feel at this festive time. We sing "Peace on Earth" but often lack it in our souls. But there is Hope! We will find it! To include a special Children's presentation of the Christmas Story as well as special and uplifting music. Sunday, Dec 15, 10:00am.



Handling the Holidays

## Requested Announcements

**United Way – Newaygo County's Annual "Mistletoe & Music"** luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts. In addition to a holiday lunch served by Executive Chef, Whitney Saylor, of Ridge Specialties, there will be interim music by pianist, Bernadine Johnson, with singer, Jean Howarth, and a seasonal-music program presented by members of Opera Grand Rapids. In addition, a variety of silent auction items will again be available – we have a Coach purse with the price tag still attached for auction! Tickets are \$40.00 per person or a table of eight (8) for \$300.00. Reservations can be placed by calling Jim Rynberg at Fremont City Hall, 924-2101, or at home, 924-6345.

## Announcing "ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and **meant to go and enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10

**"Go and enjoy":**

**November 17, 5:30-7:00pm- "Soup and Super Games Night!"**- Several delicious soups - Gumbo

by Tim R, Chicken n Rice by Deb E., and Minestrone by Karla J., - served followed by a plethora of table games to play! **Does anyone do an excellent soup and would like to be included?** Contact Mat! Invite a friend or two! Mat defies anyone to beat him at cribbage!



**Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501**



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I will sing, sing a new song I will sing, sing a new song  
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord  
Let your kingdom come Let your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven Every heart proclaim  
The mercy of Your name On earth as it is in heaven.

God give us new every morning Mercy his daily bread  
In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray  
And lead us, not to temptation But deliver us with Your hand  
In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray  
Father we pray

**Chorus:**  
Ending-Praise Group

in Song

“As It Is In Heaven” (Matt Maher)  
Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name  
Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

Our Father, who art in Heaven The rocks cry out Your fame  
Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

**Chorus:**

Praise Group & Congregation



