

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land; Climb the steeps and cross the waves.
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Lorene Witte

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":

Sunday, February 9 - Chilirama and Charades! 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



It's chilly outside so come for some hot chili! We've got some great chilies with Dave's "Tasty Traditional," Deb's "Sweet Cincinnati," Jim's "Wow Wow White Chicken," Tim's "Taco Treat Beef" and Jeff's "Just Right Spice!" But don't forget charades! Charades is a game some just like to watch. If that's you then that's okay! Participation is optional. If you have a question, give Mat a call, 231-414-7501.

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 and or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

Would you like someone to contact you? Yes No

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



**"...so that
they may be
one..."**

John 17:11

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2020

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 **Lorene Witte**

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #21**

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verses 1,2,3,5)

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

***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

Story Bell **Mat Emerick**

“Wood Shop Show & Tell”

Hymn of Preparation **Blue Hymnal #635**

“In the Garden” (verse 1 & refrain)

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,

And He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there
none other has ever known.

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-26 **111 N.T.**

Message **Michele Zimmerman**

“Unity in the Body of Christ”

***Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #464**

“Come to the Table”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **Gary Hooker**

Music for Communion

Lorene Witte

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of and for 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 **Lorene Witte**

***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**

“Jesus Saves” (verse 1)

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In the name of the Holy Trinity, who holds darkness and light, night and day, rest and activity all in one loving embrace, we celebrate today as we worship together in unity. Welcome to all!

*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 2nd 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.

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:	Bark Clark
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Ted Clark(today) Roger Tuuk(next week)
Ushers:	Kendra Lachniet, Dean Morehouse(today) Jean Morehouse(next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Kendra Lachniet & Barbara Blass-Frisbey(today) Judy & Van Nadeau(next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Alissa Pullman (4)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Pat Peccia, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Jack Tittle

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 2

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Library

Tuesday, February 4 - *Church Office Closed*

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open
6:30 p.m. Library Reserved

Wednesday, February 5

6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 6 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

8:45 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary**
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

Today we welcome Michele Zimmerman, Executive Director of Love In the Name of Christ of Newaygo County will be our worship leader. Michele has been the Executive Director of Love INC for the past 15 years. Though her educational background is in environmental studies and business, several years ago, God began shifting the desires of her heart to align with His - directing her toward missions and her community. She is passionate about helping the Church live out its call to invest in people biblically and holistically. She believes Love INC is an excellent ministry model for bringing local churches together to address brokenness and chronic need within the community. Michele is married to Sheldon and together they have five married children and 15 grandchildren.

Next Sunday our service will be led by Tim Roggatz. I was born in Minnesota, attended Lutheran schools and received a B.A. in communications from Adrian College. Karen was raised in Hesperia and Fremont. We have been married for 31 years and have served in different capacities at several churches, most recently Lakeshore Fellowship in Ferrysburg. I learned my love of music and the Lord from my Parents. Karen and I serve together as often as possible in church choirs and small musical groups. We have two sons; the oldest lives in Wisconsin and the youngest is in Heaven celebrating with other family members. My work experience has taken me through manufacturing industries and food service including working as a cook at Brew Works. Last year, after suffering a couple of health issues, God put me on a new path. My physical abilities have diminished but not my love for the Lord and for Karen. I have been truly blessed and look to God's guidance every day to extend his kingdom.

Today we welcome Lorene Witte (a.k.a. our church secretary) as organ accompanist. Thank you, Lorene!

Looking Ahead: On February 14 at noon Women's Fellowship will be hosting their annual **Valentine Luncheon**. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. More details to come. Mark your calendar for a **Soup Supper** on Friday, March 20 from 5-7 p.m. More information to follow.

Upcoming Worship Leaders:

February 9 Tim Roggatz

February 23 Mark Jarvie

February 16 Reverend Daniel Unekis

March 1 Mark Jarvie

Photos - We are learning how to do more and more with our new projector including adding photos. As you attend CONGO functions, worship, meetings and activities I encourage you to snap a few photos. I won't be able to use all of your photos but I will do my best to capture the essence of each event etc. in a slide presentation to be played before worship on Sunday mornings. I won't be able to edit hundreds of photos so Please only send me a few of your best shots, from each event. Please text your photos to 231-924-9558. This is my cell phone. Thank you, Deb

Requested Announcements

IF GATHERING Registration is now open for the IF Gathering: a local one-day women's conference on Saturday, March 28 at the Dogwood Center. Don't miss this great event! Check out the Facebook page "IF: Fremont" or fremont.iflocal.com for more information.

