

# The First Congregational Church

My choice for the new church name:

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## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



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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

**Welcome Sophia Jane Robeck**  
**Born 7-11-2019**  
**to Michael Richard & Kayla Lynn Robeck**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

August 25, 2019

10:00 a.m.

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

**The Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

Sylvia Lee

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #719

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism - Sophia Jane Robeck**

**Invitation to Prayer**

Blue Hymnal #185

“Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)

Jesus Love me! This I know, For the bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves Me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**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**

Seeds

Mat Emerick

**Hymn of Preparation**

Blue Hymnal #563

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 3)

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.  
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.  
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.  
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 6:25-34

6 N.T.

**Message**

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

*Worry? Who? Me?*

**\*Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #410

“Standing on the Promises” (verses 1,4,5)

**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**

Sylvia Lee

**\*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 #764

“The Trees of the Field”

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There’ll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.

**Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

*Welcome! On this last Sunday of August we come to praise God, receive his word for us, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

\*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, bulletins, and Children's 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. Please come and pray!

*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:	Fran Stewart
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Van & Judy Nadeau(today) Ragay(next week)

***Celebrating this week:***

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Nancy Johnson (27), Katherine Frei, Elise Pfeiffer (29), Heidi Redding (31)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

Al & Nancy Smalligan (29), Mike & Jane Stroschin (31)

***Prayer Requests ~***

(The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

*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

Dirk Morehouse - 15 year old grandson of Dean & Jean - in ICU with breathing issues

**This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, August 25**

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism of Sophia Jane Robeck  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

**Welcome lunch for our newest family member.**

SCRIP is available for purchase

**Monday, August 26**

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

**Tuesday, August 27 - *Church Office Closed***

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Thursday, August 29 - *Church Office Closed***

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

**Friday, August 30 - *Church Office Closed***

**Saturday, August 31**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

**Sunday, September 1**

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase

## Our Church News

**Plans are for worship** to be held in Fellowship Hall for the months of August and September. With the warmer weather we will be grateful to worship in the comfort of an air conditioned space.

**Hay Art** - Men of the church are working hard to effectively plant the hay in the most effective places for viewing during the Harvest Festival. If you would like to add financial support to the project to insure a great successful harvest, see farmer Dean.

**Letters and pledge cards** were mailed this week. If you did not receive a letter and would like to make a pledge, cards are available on the table outside the office door.

**Lorene will be** out of the office on Friday, August 30. The bulletin will be done on Wednesday, August 28.

**Anyone willing to provide** bake goods for the Vaudeville Show on Friday evening to benefit the Empowerment Network please have them to Fellowship Hall by 4:00 p.m.

**If your email is a** yahoo or aol account you probably are not receiving church emails. We are trying to find a solution.

**Cross Pendants** - The Memorial Garden committee has a new supply of cross pendants. If you are interested contact Georgia Paxton.

## Requested Announcements

**Griefshare will begin on** Tuesday, September 3 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. This is a 14 week course - you might not be able to attend each week, but you are encouraged to do so. Registration is helpful but not required (924-2460)

### 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, September 15, 5:30 pm Guatemalan Taco Night!** - Mat and Deb’s friends, Frandi and Adrienne Dempsy make some wonderful tacos that they would like to bless us with! With Frandi being a native to Guatemala means that they strive to make their tacos authentic and delicious! Served Guatemalan rice, pico de gallo, guacamole and more! Let’s chow down together!

Join us for a **Welcome LUNCH** provided by Women's Fellowship to **welcome our newest family member**

**Sophia Jane Robeck**

following worship TODAY



We will also be showering Sophia with some baby items.

If you need a gift remember that Scrip cards are available for Meijer or Walmart.