FAMILY OF GOD

COMMUNITY CHURCH



Welcome To Our Family!

November 8, 2026

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Welcome

Welcome to worship at FOGCC! We are glad that you are here and pray that you feel welcome as we join our voices to worship the Most Holy God. Following worship, please join us for a time of fellowship!

Come, let us worship . . .

Worship

Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise: Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone (Video)

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 6-13

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

* Song: Give Me Jesus

Prayer

Today's Message:
Scripture: 1Thessalonians 5:1-11
Sermon: "The Return of the Lord:
How can we be like the 5 wise virgins?

Song of Response: Take My Life and Let It Be

Benediction

Departure Song: My Friend, May You Grow in Grace

Joys & Concerns (Immediately after the final song)

This week at FOGCC

Wednesday, 9:30am – WOW (Women of the Word)
Thursday, 3:30pm – Connection service at FOGCC
Friday, 3:30pm – Holy Handicrafts at FOGCC

Serving in the Family of God - today */next week*:

Snacks: Norm Rosema / *Johnson*

Birthdays This Week

Wednesday, November 11th – Keith Bennett

Announcements

Thank you to Rev. Karen VandeBunte for leading us in worship this morning!

We will be taking our traditional THANKSGIVING OFFERING. This year, the offering will be used to support Vera's House and Benny's House Vera's House is a safe, vibrant and welcoming place of healing, wellness and education providing a vision of God's kingdom in our community. Benny's House is an emergency food pantry serving the Newaygo County area. The offering will be received Sunday, November 15th through Sunday, November 29th. Special Thanksgiving envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary.

The sign-up sheet for the fourth quarter (October - December) is in the back of the sanctuary! **A volunteer is still needed for December 6th.** Will you take a minute to sign up to bring a snack for our fellowship time? Thank you!

Holy Handicrafts, Friday at 3:30 PM, is for everyone. Friday, November 6th and 13th, we'll learn to make a holiday wreath with ribbon. Join the fun! For more information call or text Karen at 616-994-2602.

ConnecTion will meet this Thursday, November 12th. ConnecTion is a weekly gathering of people with all abilities. Our goal is to worship God, learn about Jesus, and have fun in the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for this ministry of the church and consider joining us for the praise, learning, and fun. **Communion will be served at Connection this Thursday.**

Information about our online ministry. FOGCC had 128 views of last Sunday's service! Please start or continue praying for this part of our ministry and those who are being reached by it.

We are looking for volunteers to hang 2 or 3 bird houses in the trees behind FOGCC. See Karen VandeBunte.

Pastor Steve is in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Future Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 24th – 4:00pm
Pie & Praise at FOGCC with United Church of Christ

The Top Five Reasons for Rejoicing Today

We can have joy if we know the Lord Jesus personally as our Savior and if we are walking in fellowship with Him.

1. ***We can rejoice today because we know that He is God***. "Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Psalm 90:1-2).
2. ***We can rejoice today because He promises never to leave us***. "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5).
3. ***We can rejoice today because His Word is true and will accomplish His purpose.*** "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11).
4 ***We can rejoice today knowing that everything about our life is under His control*** "But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me." (Psalm 31:14-15).
5 ***We can rejoice today because this could be the day that the Lord will come in the air for us***. "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

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