

## Upcoming Events ([www.fccstjoseph.org/events/](http://www.fccstjoseph.org/events/))

<i>Sunday, November 21</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship
	11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Boxes / Advent Decorations
<i>Monday, November 22</i>	9:00 a.m. Church Council
<i>Wednesday, November 24</i>	All Day Church Office Closed
<i>Thursday, November 25</i>	All Day Church Office Closed (Happy Thanksgiving)
<i>Sunday, November 28</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship (First Sunday of Advent)
<i>Tuesday, November 30</i>	9:30 a.m. Book Group
<i>Wednesday, December 1</i>	5:40 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Kids Connect, Pastor Jeffrey's Class
	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Thursday, December 2</i>	1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
<i>Sunday, December 5</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship (Second Sunday of Advent / Communion)

**"We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to Discover God, Equip One Another for Life, and Reach Inward and Outward to Serve"**

### First Congregational Church

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Senior Minister	Jeffrey Hubers
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Youth Ministry Director	Carly Hubers
Director of Chancel Choir	Stephen Zork
Parish Nurse	Jan Trapani
Office Manager	Judy Hoffman
Bookkeeper	Nanci Fenrick
Maintenance	Jim Dansfield
Housekeeper	Julie Ruple

## First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday November 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

### Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing the Peace [screen]

*You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

Prelude

"We Gather Together" arr. Joel Raney

*Alleluia Ringers*

*All stand if able*

Call to Worship [screen]

Janet Zielke, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#723 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

### Discovering

Children's Message - Children PreK-5th grade are invited to come forward.

Ministry of Music

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Michael Larkin

*Chancel Choir*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Leviticus 19:33-34; John 4:1-26 [screen]

Message "The Good Muslim"

Rev. Dr. John Hubers, guest preacher

*All stand if able*

Message Hymn [screen]

#571 "Christ, You Call Us All to Service"

## Thanking

Morning Prayer  
Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory

“Jubilate!” Douglas Wagner  
*Jubilate Ringers*

## Serving

Doxology [screen]      *All stand if able*

Benediction

Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.  
Peace be with you!*

**Ushers:** Judy Betsch, Cynthia Schlipp, Nancy Fette, Mark Zielke, Paula Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Rev. Dr. John Hubers for providing today's message while Pastor Jeffrey and Carly are on vacation, visiting family in South Dakota.

Today after worship there will be **two service opportunities**: we need hands to bring out and help set up the **Advent / Christmas decorations**. We'll also be **packing Thanksgiving boxes** for Benton Harbor Street Ministry in the fellowship hall.

Please **turn in Planned Giving cards** if you haven't yet for the **2022 budget**.

The **Nominating Meeting** to approve the slate of board and committee members for 2022 will take place on **Sunday, December 5** after worship.

Thanks to those who participated in the **forum discussion** on church flags. To view:  
<https://boxcast.tv/view/congregational-forum-cibbjsygdtkbozohavce>

The church office will be **closed** for the holiday on **Wednesday, November 24 & Thursday, November 25. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!**

**Women's Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Gathering Room to discuss *The Last Bookshop in London*.

We are collecting names to **sponsor DHS foster Christmas gifts**. To sponsor a child or for more info, **contact the church office by December 13th**.

To help with **Soup Kitchen**, contact Lori Hellenga to get involved there with our **monthly spot (third Tuesday) - 269.921.7919**

To **assist** with the “Bear Packs” (**weekend food pack ministry**) for Lincoln and Brown Elementary schools, contact Beth Kenagy (bak73wm@aol.com)

To help **distribute water in Benton Harbor**, follow this link for volunteer info with United Way: [https://volunteer.uwsm.org/need/index?need\\_init\\_id=5023&s=1](https://volunteer.uwsm.org/need/index?need_init_id=5023&s=1)

Pastor Jeffrey will offer two Bible studies on Advent / Christmas narratives on **Wednesday, December 1 & Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on **Thursday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.**

Please **sign the fellowship pads** in the pews to pass along any updated contact info or comments to the office staff.

If you are new or a guest and would like more info on FCC, please contact the church office - 269.983.5519 or office@fccstjoseph.org - we'd love to get to know you!

