

Upcoming Events (www.fccstjoseph.org/events/)

<i>Sunday, November 28</i>	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Advent begins)
<i>Tuesday, November 30</i>	9:30 a.m.	Women's Book Group
<i>Wednesday, December 1</i>	5:40 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m.	Kids Connect, Youth Group, Pastor Jeffrey's Class
	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<i>Thursday, December 2</i>	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:15 p.m.	Alleluia Ringers
<i>Sunday, December 5</i>	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Advent/Communion)
	11:30 a.m.	Nominating Meeting
	3:45 p.m.	Monday Musical Vespers
<i>Tuesday, December 7</i>	6:00 p.m.	Missions Board
<i>Wednesday, December 8</i>	12:00 p.m.	Mary Preston Christmas Lunch

"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
Director of Music Ministry	Brenton Offenback
Children's Min. Director	Alison Achramowicz
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

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Friedrich Zachau

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Kathy Zerler, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#168 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Discovering

Advent Candle Lighting

Bruce Anderson and Kathy Zerler

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

Ministry of Music

"Come Lord Jesus" Martin How
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-9, NRSV [screen]

Message "View from the Middle"

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

All stand if able

Message Hymn [screen]

#154 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Thanking

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Johann Pachelbel

Serving

Doxology [screen] *All stand if able*

Benediction
Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Johann Bach
*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.
Peace be with you!*

The flowers in the narthex are in memory of the organ donor, the unknown angel, 23 years ago, from Phillip & Pam (Griffin) Whitehead.

Ushers: Fran & Bill Chickering, Jeremy Sokolowski, Jane Oelke, Cindi Collum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to those who helped decorate for Advent, as well as all the hands that blessed the Thanksgiving boxes for Benton Harbor Street Ministry.

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

FCC will also be sponsoring Christmas gifts for area foster children with DHS. Please contact the church office for more info on how to sponsor a child. Missions Board will cover any names not picked up. **Sign-ups are due December 13.**

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*.

If you are using **giving envelopes**, your **2022 envelopes** will be available for **pick-up Sunday, December 19**. They'll be located outside the church office. If you would like to start using envelopes, please call the office and we'll provide you with a set.

Any **outstanding bills or reimbursements** that boards have will need to be turned into the office by **Sunday, December 19 for 2021 invoices**.

End-of-Year Donations: Please remember if you would like any contributions to appear on your 2021 giving statement, **the last date to turn any donations into the church office is noon on December 30.**

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

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!

