

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

Sunday, January 16	10:30 a.m. Worship (Baptism of Christ Sunday)
	11:30 a.m. Called to Care Event
Monday, January 17	7:00 p.m. CE Board
Tuesday, January 18	9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, January 19	5:40 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m. Kids Connect, Youth Group, Pastor Jeffrey's Class
	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 20	3:00 p.m. Endowment Committee (Zoom)
	5:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
Saturday, January 22	1:30 p.m. Youth Retreat
Sunday, January 23	10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday, January 24	9:00 a.m. Church Council

“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
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First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Baptism of Christ Sunday

January 16, 2022 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

“Andante” Johann Herzog

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Bob Cultice, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#132 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Discovering

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

Ministry of Music

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, Gloria in Excelsis!”

Kathleen Thomerson/Jacques Berthier

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Luke 3:15-22, MSG [screen]

Message “Anointing in Grace”

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

All stand if able

Message Hymn [screen]

#241 “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Thanking

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "I Am Coming to the Cross" arr. Tom Birchwood

Serving

Doxology [screen] *All stand if able*

Benediction
Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Gloria in Excelsis" Julius Harrison
*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.
Peace be with you!*

Join us for a time of coffee & cookies fellowship afterward.

Ushers: Nancy Fette, Cynthia Schlipp, Chris Norland, Kathy Zerler, Bruce Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called to Care, our ministry of grief and recovery care, is having a meeting after worship **today** (fellowship hall) for anyone interested in learning more. Contact Patty Nordberg (pnordberg@comcast.net) for questions. The session will also be recorded.

The **Youth Group** will be having a **Winter Retreat January 22-23**. For more info, contact Carly Hubers (carly@fccstjoseph.org).

Tuesday January 25 at 9:30 a.m. the **Book Club** meeting will be virtual and Zoom info will be provided soon. The Four Winds, a novel, by Kristin Hannah, is our book selection—a powerful novel that deals with bravery, family, and hope, set during The Great Depression as well as the Dust Bowl. Contact Faith Smith, festiv@comcast.net.

The **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday, January 30** after worship. Meeting info will be sent out via email and meeting packets will be available the week prior.

Missions Board is collecting **socks, hats, and gloves** to be distributed to the guests of the Soup Kitchen during our February spot (2/15). A **collection bin** is located in the church entryway.

Diaconate is looking for **Sunday ushers**. You can sign-up on the volunteer sheets located on the main bulletin board.

If interested in **providing meals** to those in need in our congregation, contact Lori Hellenga for sign-ups—269.921.7919.

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!

