



# First Congregational Church

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Blessings in the Name of the Jesus:

Based off current lower-risk levels in our county and guided by decreasing state and federal guidelines, Church Council wants to stress that masks are “optional” for indoor activities. Masking has always been a strongly-encouraged, but not required, congregational response to the pandemic, but we now feel comfortable in lessening the necessity of that response.

Masking, social distancing, vaccination, and good hygiene are our best defenses against the virus and help to keep each other safe. However folks choose to respond, please respect one another’s choices. Ultimately, may we all be led by Christ and the lessons of His self-giving love.

Keep in mind all of the ways we remain connected and pursue ministry together:

- Weekly worship (in-person and streamed online: [www.fccstjoseph.org/sermons-3/](http://www.fccstjoseph.org/sermons-3/) )
- Music rehearsals (Chancel Choir, Jubilate and Alleluia Ringers)
- Kids’ Ministry, Youth Group, and Adult Education classes mid-week and Sunday’s
- Service and outreach opportunities: Soup Kitchen, Bear Packs, Called to Care, etc.
- Fellowship and devotional groups ( <https://www.fccstjoseph.org/grow/adult/> )

If you have any questions or want more information on how to get involved, or are seeking greater connection, please contact the church office. As always, please direct any concerns to members of Church Council.

May the grace of Jesus Christ abide with us all and give us strength to proceed together in faith.

- FCC Church Council