

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

<i>Sunday, December 4</i>	10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
	10:30 a.m. Worship (2nd Sunday of Advent / Communion)
	3:45 p.m. Monday Musical Vespers
<i>Monday, December 5</i>	6:30 p.m. Youth Group Bingo Night at Provision Living
<i>Tuesday, December 6</i>	6:00 p.m. Missions Board
<i>Wednesday, December 7</i>	12:00 p.m. Mary Preston Guild Luncheon
	5:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Thursday, December 8</i>	5:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
<i>Sunday, December 11</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship (3rd Sunday of Advent)
	6:30 p.m. Advent Study
<i>Monday, December 12</i>	6:00 p.m. Trustees Board

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

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Director of Chancel Choir	Stephen Zork
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First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

2nd Sunday of Advent / Choral Christmas December 4, 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.

Choral Greeting

“My King is Comin’ Soon” Kyle Pederson

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#154 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Advent Candle Lighting

Tom and Ruthann Miller-Sipe

Discovering

Children’s Message

Children PreK–5th grade may come forward. Following the message, students can go to the chapel for Sunday School. Pick-up is at 11:40 a.m. The nursery is open during worship.

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-9, NRSV

Message in Music

Chancel Choir & Andrews University Singers

“My Lord has Come” Will Todd

“Dance and Sing” arr. Ryan Murphy

“Silent Night” Peter Anglea

Thanking

The Lord's Supper [screen]

"He Shines" Grant Steinweg

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory

"Gabriel's Message" arr. David Lasky

Serving

Doxology [screen]

All stand if able



Benediction

Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude

"Fugue on Sur Noel" Marcel Dupré

You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.

Peace be with you!

If you missed coffee with us this morning, join us after worship for fellowship, too!

Ushers: Fran Chickering, Jane Oelke, Barb Durflinger, Cynthia Schlipp, Judy Bertsch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Andrews University Singers & Chancel Choir, under Steve Zork & Brenton Offenback for today's Choral Christmas!

If you are **new and would like more info** on FCC, please contact the office! **Sign the fellowship pads** in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

Monday Musical Club will hold its annual Christmas Vespers at 3:45 p.m. today.

Youth Group Bingo Night at Provision Living on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Contact Carly for details.

The **Mary Preston Christmas luncheon** will be held on **December 7 at noon.**

Congrats to the Missions Board on receiving a **Vitality Grant** for the **Bear Packs Ministry** from the **Michigan UCC Conference.**

Consider joining for FCC's **Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.** This is a **ticketed dinner**—adults are \$15/kids (12 and under) are \$7. **RSVP by Monday, December 12 with the church office.** Following the dinner, everyone is invited (no ticket necessary) to a **program presented by FCC's Music Ministry at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

Women's Bible Study will meet on **December 15 at 1:00 p.m.** at the church.
For information contact Catherine at revcbalk0408@gmail.com.

CE will be having a **Christmas Lunch & Party on Saturday, December 17 at noon.**
Contact Alison for more details.

Pastor Jeffrey will be leading an **Advent/Christmas Study on Sunday, December 11 & Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Room.

On **Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.,** we'll be holding the **Longest Night service,** a special time of remembrance of loved ones and praying for hope in the darkness. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for questions.

Take a tour of the church library. On the counter you will find Advent/Christmas devotionals, stories of Jesus birth, fiction stories, and DVD's to warm your heart.
We use the honor system - borrow and return when you're ready.

Christmas Eve worship services are **December 24 at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

Help in the **nursery** and **Sunday School!** Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org)

Help Soup Kitchen at our **monthly spot (third Tuesday),** contact
Lori Hellenga - 269.921.7919.

Sign-up for Sunday ushers on the main bulletin board. Anyone can do it!