

WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

As believers in Jesus Christ, we will be a church of vibrant Christians.

Our Mission

We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to: *Discover God*

Equip one another for life

Reach inward/outward to serve

Our Welcome

Because we believe each person is made in God's Image, we welcome all persons into the life and worship of this congregation. Regardless of age, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation, racial or ethnic background – you are welcome here!

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STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

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Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 19

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Nominations

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

Monday, Nov. 20

7:00 p.m. - CE Board

Tuesday, Nov. 21

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Office Closed

Thursday, Nov. 23

Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 25

8:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 26

10:30 a.m. - Worship

6:00 p.m. - Bible Study

For full listing, check Events or Newsletter on website. You can also contact the church office for more info.



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

"New Member Sunday"

"Wherever you are on the journey of life or faith, you are welcome here"

**2001 Niles Ave
St Joseph MI 49085**

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Welcome / Announcements ***indicates invitation to stand if able*
New Members / Sharing the Peace [screen]

Prelude	"Joyful Praise" Hal Hopson <i>Jubilate Ringers</i>
**Call to Worship [screen]	Kathryn Anderson, Liturgist

Children's Message PreK—5th grade may come forward. Students are then invited to the chapel for Sunday School. Nursery open during worship.

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Matthew 25:14-27, MSG

Morning Prayer

****Doxology [screen]**

Benediction	Parting Blessing [screen]
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Postlude "O Be Joyful" Cynthia Dobrinski
Alleluia Ringers

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

Ushers: Fran and Bill Chickering, Dave Hilbink, Kristin Malsch, Amy Deloria

Thank you for joining us for worship—if you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more, please contact the church office. Sign the fellowship pads located in the pews for updated info or comments.

To receive text updates, send a text to **81010** with the message **@fccstj**

The Annual Nominating Meeting for approval of new board and committee members will be after worship today.

A special welcome to all our New Members recognized today: Jane Sykora, John and Mary Huber, Sherry Bingaman, Carolyn Hanson, Andi Clark, Janene Bergen. Join us in celebrating them after the meeting.

Nurse Jan is available for Blood Pressure Clinic and health screenings after the Nominating Meeting today in her office.

Youth Group will meet for pizza at Nardo's tonight from 5-7. Contact Carly (carly@fccstjoseph.org) for more details.

Youth Group students will meet following the message on Sunday's (please depart during hymn) in the Greeting Room until 11:45 a.m.

The church office will be closed on November 22-23 for the holiday.

Men's Ministry will meet Saturday, November 25 at 8 a.m. Contact John Bock (269.313.1093) for more info or questions! Breakfast first, then study.

Pastor Jeffrey's study on the Psalms, using Walter Brueggemann's text, *Praying the Psalms*, meets November 26, at 6 p.m. in the library.

Missions Board is collecting sign-ups for Christmas gifts for DHS migrant children. Contact the church office or visit the sign-up table before and after worship on November 19 and 26.

Advent decorating volunteers needed on Monday, November 27 at 10 a.m.
Please meet in the sanctuary. For more info, contact the church office.

Book group will meet Tuesday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m. reading *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama. Contact fesstiv@comcast.net for info.

Join us as we begin the Advent Season with our Choral Christmas on Sunday, December 3. Special worship with communion and Andrews Singers.

Volunteers needed for nursery and Sunday School, please! Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org) to get signed up—our kids need you!

To help Soup Kitchen on the third Tuesday of every month, contact Lori Hellenga (269.921.7919) to volunteer or to learn more!

Sign-up on main bulletin board to help usher Sunday mornings.