

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!

CONTACT

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STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

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Nicole Neugebauer, Choir

Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Guided Prayer

Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 a.m. - Book Group

Wednesday, March 27

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 28

3:15 p.m. - Pack Blessing

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday

Sunday, March 31

10:30 a.m. - Easter

**For full listing, check Events
or Newsletter on website.**



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

“Palm Sunday”

“Wherever you are on the journey of life or faith, *you* are welcome here”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome / Announcements ***indicates invitation to stand if able*
Sharing the Peace [screen]
 You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare for worship.
Prelude "Come Rejoicing!" Lee Burswold
 Jubilate Ringers
**Call to Worship [screen] Kathryn Anderson, Liturgist
Gathering Hymn [screen] #267 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Children's Message *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Students are then invited to the chapel for Sunday School. Nursery open during worship.*
Ministry of Music "Hosanna, Hosanna!" Joseph Martin
 Chancel Choir
Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Psalm 118:19-26; Mark 11:1-11, MSG
Message "Following in Faith" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers
 Students grades 6-12 may depart for Youth Group in the Greeting Room.
Hymn [screen] #265 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]
Offertory "How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou" Marcel Dupré
**Doxology [screen]
Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]
Postlude "Rondo Jubilate" Douglas Wagner
 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: Cynthia Schlipp, Cindi Collum, Keralyn Totten, Andi Clark, Barb Durflinger

Thank you for joining us for worship! If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about FCC, please enter your contact info in the fellowship pads located in the pews and a staff member will reach out!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for those that joined and helped lead the Stations of the Cross event on Friday—truly a Lenten gift. May we enter Holy Week with grace.

Pastor Jeffrey will be leading a time of guided prayer tonight at 6 for Lent's conclusion. Join via [Zoom link](#); contact Pastor Jeffrey for info.

Come and celebrate Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday (3/28 7 p.m.), Good Friday (3/29 12 p.m.), and Easter Sunday (3/31) 10:30 a.m. Rejoice in the Good News!

There'll be special breakfast fellowship prior to worship on Easter Sunday, as well as lots of goodies to share in after worship and the egg hunt! Don't miss out—contact the church office to learn more!

We're collecting goodies for the egg hunt after worship on Easter. Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org) for donations or see list on bulletin board. Eggs will be stuffed on Monday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in the chapel.

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel.

The church office will be closed Monday, April 1 for Easter.

For those interested in joining FCC, please contact Pastor Jeffrey to learn more about membership.

For March, Missions is collecting diapers (size n, 1-2) and wipes to contribute to the Diaper Bank of Berrien County. Donation bin in entryway.

Rummage Sale Volunteer meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, April 3 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson for info (zerlerkathy@gmail.com)

We'd love more help in the nursery and Sunday School! Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org) to get signed up: lots of kids needing a hand!

Can you help serve at Soup Kitchen on the third Tuesday of every month? Contact Lori Hellenga (269.921.7919) to volunteer or to learn more!

If you want to help cook for an outreach dinner with First Presbyterian Church, contact Ann Palenske (ap1054@yahoo.com) - next slot is 3/28.

Could you usher on a Sunday morning? Sign-up through [Sign-Up Genius](#) (digital link) or contact Wes Lentz (cwbrazel@gmail.com) for assistance.