

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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SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, April 22

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

9:00 a.m. - Rmg. Set-Up

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

10:00 a.m. - Michigan Clergy

Wednesday, April 24

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 25

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

3:15 p.m. - Pack Blessing

5:00 p.m. - FPC Dinner

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

“4th Sunday of Easter”

New Member Sunday

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welcome here”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome / Announcements ***indicates invitation to stand if able*
New Members / Sharing the Peace [screen]
You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare for worship.
Prelude "Lift High the Cross" arr. David Cherwien

**Call to Worship [screen] Kathryn Anderson, Liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen] #298 "The Day of Resurrection"

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 "Glory, Hallelujah" Mark Burrows
Chancel Choir; Raleigh Pettey, Baritone; Roy Bournissen, Conga Drums

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Ezekiel 34:11-15; John 10:11-18, MSG

Message "Resurrection and Community" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Students grades 6-12 may depart for Youth Group in the Greeting Room.
Hymn [screen] "King of Love" CCLI#6529824

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "The Power of the Cross" arr. Molly Ijames
**Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Lift High the Cross" arr. David Cherwien

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

Ushers: Bruce Anderson, Patty and Steve Nordberg, Bruce Molineaux, Wes Lentz

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

Welcome to our New Members today: Ellen, Tom, Madelyn, Mackenzie Brinkman; Amy Deloria; Joyce Howell; Diane Cronk; Dan and Robin Lydic; Meryle Merritt. Join us for cake in the Gathering Room to celebrate them!

Pastor Jeffrey's new book study, *The Universal Christ*, meets tonight at 6.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson for details (zerlerkathy@gmail.com).

Taproom Hours will meet at The Livery (190 5th St Benton Harbor) on Thursday, April 25 anytime from 5-7 p.m. Come on by!

Men's Ministry meets on Saturday, April 27 at 8 a.m. Breakfast first, then discussion! Contact John Bock (269.313.1093) for info.

Next Book Club discussion is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams on Tuesday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m. Contact: Barb (bcdurflinger@gmail.com).

Spring Rummage Sale will take place May 2-3. Volunteer and setup schedule available on bulletin board outside Pastor Jeffrey's office.

Saturday, May 4 from 12:30-4:30 p.m., the Southwest Association of the Michigan Conference will host a "Spring Fling" at Tower Hill.

Get your tickets for "Pop-Up Giving" at Silver Harbor on Thursday, May 9 at 5 p.m. Sponsored by FCC, this event will showcase three outreaches in a fun competition with one winner. Info: ryanwilliamcheevers@gmail.com.

Missions is asking for donations to assemble cleaning kits for Church World Service. See donation info and drop-box in front entryway. Missions is also planning an assembly of hygiene kits for Carol's Hope after worship on Sunday, May 5. Come help and get a tasty treat!

Walking group meets Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m. at Hutchinson corner across from church driveway. Text Patty (269.369.0629) to join.

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 4/25.

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