

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

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Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 24

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Advent Decorating

Monday, November 25

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

10:00 a.m. - Advent Decorating

Tuesday, November 26

9:30 a.m. - Book Group

Wednesday, November 27

Office Closed

Thursday, November 28

Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

3:45 p.m. - MM Vespers

Monday, December 2

1:00 p.m. - WBS

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 p.m. - Missions Board

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**"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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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 "Just As I Am" arr. Jeffrey Honore
 Jubilate Ringers
 **Call to Worship [screen] Bob Ehrenberg, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Children's Message *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Grades 1-5 invited to Sunday School in chapel. Pre-K have "Kids Club" in Nursery. Pickup at 11:40.*

Ministry of Music "Thanksgiving Dance" arr. Lee Dengler
 Chancel Choir
Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] John 18:33-37, NRSV

Message "You're Not From Around Here, Are You?" Rev. Andy Bossardet

**Hymn [screen] #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Sandra Eithun
 Alleluia Ringers
 **Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Ushers: Wes Lentz, Bruce Molineaux, Keralyn Totten, Cynthia Schlipp, Cindi Collum

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

Thanks to Rev. Andy Bossardet, a chaplain from Michigan Department of Corrections, for offering the message today while Pastor Jeffrey and Carly are away on vacation.

Help get our Advent decorations out of storage after worship. Then, on Monday, November 25, we'll begin decorating the church at 10 a.m.

Review the Bylaws Revisions Proposals video links: [Q&A Session Video \(10/16\)](#) & [Proposals Run-Thru Video](#). There will be a congregational meeting after worship on December 8. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for info.

Two Bear Pack service opportunities for Thanksgiving week: Monday, November 25 1-1:30—Packing Thanksgiving Meal totes for Upton and Logan Autism Center Families; 3-3:30 - Regular Bear Packs

Women's Book Group will discuss *Reminders of Him* by Collen Hoover on Tuesday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m. Contact fesstiv@comcast.net for info.

The church office will be closed November 27-28 for the holiday.

All are welcome to Monday Musical Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 1 at 3:45 p.m.

Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, December 2 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy (zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Choral Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 8 during worship.

Mary Preston Guild will hold their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 11 at noon in the Gathering Room. \$12/person—RSVP to Helen Sinn by December 6 (269.930.8226).

Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, December 14 at 8 a.m. Breakfast first, then discussion. Contact John Bock for details (269.313.1093).

Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15, followed by our Christmas luncheon. You must purchase a ticket for the meal: Adults \$15; Kids/\$7. Please RSVP for the lunch by Thursday, December 12.

We'd really love more help in the nursery and Sunday School! Please contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org) to support our young ones!

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!

Could you usher on a Sunday morning? Sign-up through [Sign-Up Genius](#)