

## 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

Brenton Offenback, Music

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Alison Achramowicz, Children

Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 12

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, January 13

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Wednesday, January 15

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 16

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Confirmation+

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, January 20

6:30 p.m. - Movie Night

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



## First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Epiphany Sunday”**

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

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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 "O God Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Roger Wilson

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

Hymn [screen] #242 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

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 "The Light of the World is Jesus" Philip Bliss  
*Chancel Choir*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture [screen] Isaiah 60:1-5; Ephesians 3:4-12, MSG

Message "By the Light" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

*Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*

**\*\*Hymn [screen]** #248 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn

**\*\*Doxology [screen]**

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "O God Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Edwin Childs

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

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*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**

Nurse Jan is available after worship for Blood Pressure Clinic and any health screenings in her office.

Contact Pastor Jeffrey for resources from the Leadership Breakfast or check out the video presentation (digital link).

Pastor Jeffrey's new book study on Thomas Merton begins tonight at 6 in the library. Contact him for more info.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 1 p.m.  
Contact Kathryn Anderson ([zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com)) for info.

Still some room in the next round of Pop-Up Dinners! Check out the host list here ([digital link](#)). Contact Kim Henkel for info (313.300.3918).

Confirmation+ starts next Sunday, January 19 after worship. This resource is both for students looking to be formally Confirmed and anyone interested in reviewing resources on discipleship, theology, and church history. Contact Carly (carly@fccstjoseph.org) for details.

In honor of MLK, we're hosting a screening of *Selma* in the chapel on Monday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for info.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26 after worship. Meeting packets and info available Sunday, January 19.

Join for an outdoor adventure on Sunday, January 26 at 1 p.m. at Riverview Park for a short hike and treat. Contact Amy Deloria for more info (231.330.9482). Please confirm with her if you plain to join.

Missions Board is collecting winter socks, hats, and gloves for guests of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. Donation bin located in church entryway.

We need more help in the nursery and Sunday School! Lots of young ones to care for: Contact Alison ([alison@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:alison@fccstjoseph.org)) to help (link)!

Join for prayer and help load the weekend food packs for local elementary schools at 3 p.m. Thursday's in the Youth Room downstairs.

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](#).

If you want to help cook for an outreach dinner with First Presbyterian Church, contact Ann Palenske (ap1054@yahoo.com) - next slot is 1/23.