

## 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

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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## STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

Brenton Offenback, Music

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Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Confirmation+

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, January 20

5:30 p.m. - Movie Night

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 23

5:00 p.m. - FPC Meal

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting

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



**First Congregational  
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Baptism of Our Lord”**

**“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 "Sing a New Church" arr. Chris Rice

\*\*Call to Worship [screen] Patty Nordberg, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #241 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

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 "A Future With Hope" Mark Miller  
*Chancel Choir*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen] Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, MSG

Message "The Burning Truth" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

*Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*  
\*\*Hymn [screen] #577 "Sing a New Church"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Voluntary in G" Henry Heron

\*\*Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Should I Not Sing To My 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, Harold Bragg, Cindy Langer, Gail Bruce,  
Jesse Mashak

*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

Confirmation+ begins after worship in the chapel. This resource is both for students looking to be formally Confirmed and anyone interested in reviewing resources on discipleship, theology, and church history.

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

In honor of MLK, we're hosting a screening of *Selma* in the chapel on Monday, January 20 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for info.

Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, January 25 at 8 a.m. Breakfast first, then discussion. Contact John Bock for more info (269.313.1093).

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting next Sunday, January 26 after worship. Meeting packets and info available from the church office.

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 plan to join.

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

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

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, February 5 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson (zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Naturalist Pat Underwood is offering a "night hike," thanks to Amy Deloria, on Friday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Township Beach. Give Amy a call (231.330.9482) to join or for more info.

We need more help in the nursery and Sunday School! Lots of young ones to care for: Contact Alison (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.