

## 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

Carly Hubers, Youth

Alison Achramowicz, Children

Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9

10:30 a.m. - Worship (Lent)

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, March 10

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Wednesday, March 12

1:00 p.m. - Mary Preston

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 13

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Saturday, March 15

2:00 p.m. - CMW & MM

Sunday, March 16

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Confirmation+

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

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



## First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“First Sunday of Lent”**

**“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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" arr. Robert Hobby  
  
\*\*Call to Worship [screen] Kathryn Anderson, Liturgist  
  
Hymn [screen] #128 "Spirit, Working in Creation"  
  
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 "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Craig Courtney  
*Chancel Choir*  
  
Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen] Genesis 3:1-13; Luke 4:1-13, NRSV  
  
Message "Where Are You?" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers  
*Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*  
\*\*Hymn [screen] #407 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"  
  
Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]  
  
Offertory "God With Us" CCLI#6460237  
  
\*\*Doxology [screen]  
  
Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]  
  
Postlude "My Soul, Praise the Lord!" Charles Wood  
  
*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly. Peace be with you!*  
  
**Ushers:** Cindi Collum, Cindy Langer, Harold Bragg, Mary Griffin, Karla Donnell-Bragg

*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 via the **Remind app**, go to <https://www.remind.com/join/fccstj>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Pastor Jeffrey's book study will meet tonight at 6 in the library. Contact him for more info—newcomers always welcome!

Be sure and sign up for March's Pop-Up Dinner opportunities (digital link)! Call Kim Henkel (313.300.3918) for info or for sign-up help.

Mary Preston Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 1 p.m. Contact Barb Durlinger (bcdurlinger@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Join for Taproom Hours at Watermark Brewing (5781 St Joseph Ave, Stevensville) on Thursday, March 13 anytime from 5-7 p.m.

The next Confirmation+ , an all ages educational resource, will be after worship on Sunday, March 16. Email carly@fccstjoseph.org for info.

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, March 19 at 1 p.m. Reach out to Kathryn Anderson (zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for info.

Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, March 22 at 8 a.m. Call John Bock for info (269.313.1093). Breakfast first, then discussion.

New Member Sunday will be March 23. If you'd like to join, please contact Pastor Jeffrey—we'd love for you to be part of the community! Special fellowship will follow the service to help welcome our newcomers!

Missions Board is sponsoring teams for the Soup Bowl fundraiser at Strikers on March 23, 1-4 p.m. Contact Donna (dfdumke@gmail.com) to participate or sign up on the bulletin board.

Missions Board is collecting diapers and wipes for Berrien County Diaper Bank during the month of March. Donation bin located in entryway.

More hands are needed in nursery and Sunday School! Our young ones are waiting: Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org) to help (digital 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!

If you want to help cook for an outreach dinner with First Presbyterian Church, contact Ann Palenske (ap1054@yahoo.com) - next slot is 3/27.