

## 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

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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

Wednesday, March 5

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 6

3:00 p.m. - Bear Packs

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Saturday, March 8

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

10:00 a.m. - Grief Share

Sunday, March 9

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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 Guild

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

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

**First Congregational Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**LENT**

**"Ash Wednesday"**

**6:00 p.m.**

**March 5, 2025**

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

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**- A SEASON OF PREPARATION -**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome / Announcements

*\*\*indicates invitation to stand if able*

Sharing the Peace [screen]

**\*\*Call to Worship [screen]**

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#354 "Just As I Am"

Scripture [screen]

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12, 15-17, NRSV

Reflection

**\*\*Hymn [screen]**

#348 "Softly and Tenderly"

Prayer of Confession [screen]

Imposition of Ashes

Benediction



*Following the Benediction, please depart in the Peace of Christ. Though we are "dust," we belong eternally to the One who can bring life from the dust. Ashes to ashes, Cross to Resurrection, you belong to God.*

**Ushers:** Patty Nordberg, Beth Kenagy, Andi Clark

*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**

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

Cynthia Caruso will be leading "Grief Share" on Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. To learn more, please email [cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu](mailto:cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu)

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

Mary Preston Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 1 p.m.

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

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

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!

Missions Board is sponsoring teams for the Soup Bowl fundraiser for Soup Kitchen on March 23. To join or for more info, contact Donna Dumke ([dfdumke@gmail.com](mailto:dfdumke@gmail.com)) or Cindy Langer ([cindylanger99@hotmail.com](mailto:cindylanger99@hotmail.com))

Thanks for the soup and cereal donations for February. Missions Board is now collecting diapers and wipes for Berrien County Diaper Bank.

More hands are needed in nursery and Sunday School! Our young ones are waiting: Contact Alison ([alison@fccstjoseph.org](mailto: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](mailto:ap1054@yahoo.com)) - next slot is 3/27.

