

## 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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Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

11:30 a.m. - Egg Filling

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, April 14

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Tuesday, April 15

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, April 16

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Interfaith Forum

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 17

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 18

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday

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



# First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Palm Sunday”**

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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 "Voluntary V" John Stanley  
  
\*\*Call to Worship [screen] Kathryn Anderson, Liturgist  
  
Hymn [screen] #267 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
  
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 "Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me" Lloyd Larson  
*Chancel Choir*  
  
Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen] Psalm 118:20-26; Luke 19:29-40, NRSV  
  
Message "Confronted by the Palms" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers  
*Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*  
\*\*Hymn [screen] #265 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"  
  
Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]  
  
Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Robert Powell  
  
\*\*Doxology [screen]  
  
Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]  
  
Postlude "Postludium" Chester Nordman  
  
*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly. Peace be with you!*

**Ushers:** Kristen Robinson, Chris Paine, Nancy Bunker, Ruth Beach  
LucyAnn DeVries

*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**

Easter egg supplies are needed! Please contact [alison@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:alison@fccstjoseph.org) for the goodie list. Eggs will be stuffed after worship today in the chapel.

Pastor Jeffrey's book study concludes tonight at 6 in the library.

We're looking for hosts for May "Pop-Up" Dinners! Please contact Kim Henkel to help share in these fellowship opportunities (313.300.3918).

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson ([zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com)) for meeting info.

Interfaith Action is hosting an Immigration Forum at St Augustine's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. See flyer for info.

Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday (4/17) 7 p.m.; Good Friday (4/18) 12 p.m. Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Celebrate Easter with us on Sunday, April 20—breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. with worship at 10:30 a.m., followed by our Egg hunt on the lawn for children. Come and worship the Risen One!

Men's Ministry will meet Saturday, April 26 at 8 a.m. Breakfast first, then discussion. Contact John Bock (269.313.1093) for info.

The final session of Confirmation+ will take place after worship on Sunday, April 27 with Confirmation Sunday being celebrated on May 4.

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *The Women's Hotel* by Daniel M. Lavery. Contact: [fesstiv@comcast.com](mailto:fesstiv@comcast.com).

Church Women United will hold its Friendship Day on May 2 at 11 a.m. Contact Joyce Vance (269.983.2457) to RSVP or for more info.

Mark your calendars for our "Spring Fling for Cause" on Friday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in support of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. See flyer for info.

Our young ones are waiting for you to volunteer in Nursery and Sunday School: Contact Alison ([alison@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:alison@fccstjoseph.org)) to help (digital link)!

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 4/24.