

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!

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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, May 11

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

Monday, May 12

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Tuesday, May 13

6:00 p.m. - Worship Jam

Wednesday, May 14

12:00 p.m. - Mary Preston Guild

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 15

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Sunday, May 18

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Church Luncheon

Monday, May 19

6:30 p.m. - CE Board

Tuesday, May 20

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:30 a.m.

“Fourth Sunday of Easter”

**“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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

**Call to Worship [screen] Susan Dietrich-Reed, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #287 "Life High the Cross"

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 Name We Treasure" Jim Taylor
Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Acts 9:36-43, NRSV

Message "Connections" Rev. Catherine Batten-Balk, Guest Preacher

**Hymn [screen] #289 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus" arr. John Rasley

**Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Jason Payne

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

Ushers: Bruce and Kathryn Anderson, Cynthia Schlipp, Cindi Collum,
Bruce Molineaux

*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

Pastor Jeffrey and Carly are on vacation this weekend. Thanks to Rev. Catherine Batten-Balk for providing today's message.

Blessings on all mother-figures this Mother's Day—special grace for all who bear the grief of loss during the holiday.

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

Join one of the May "Pop-Up" Dinners, a great opportunity for fellowship and food, by signing up here: <http://bit.ly/3Yhrmpm> (digital link).

We're putting on a "worship jam" - a time to practice some worship songs, just for fun. If you play or sing, email alex.svetlev@gmail.com, and our first session will be Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Come by The Livery (190 5th St Benton Harbor) on Thursday, May 15 anytime from 5-7 p.m. for Taproom Hours.

We're celebrating the end of Sunday School and the unofficial start of summer with an all-church luncheon on Sunday, May 18. We'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs! Please RSVP with the church office by May 15.

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, May 21 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson (zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, May 24 at 8 a.m. Breakfast first, then discussion. Contact John Bock (269.313.1093) for meeting info.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for the holiday.

Book group will meet on Tuesday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. Email zerlerkathy@gmail.com for info.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 30 as we kick off our Summer Concert series on the front lawn! Contact Pastor Jeffrey for more details.

Want to help usher on a Sunday morning? Please use the Sign Up Genius link to find a date that works for you ([click here](#)).

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 5/29.