

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

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STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

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Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

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SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, May 21

1:00 p.m. - WBS

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 22

5:00 p.m. - FPC Dinner

Friday, May 23

12:00 p.m. - Parade

Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, May 26

Offices Closed

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Fifth 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 "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Kurt Meyer
 Jubilate Ringers
 **Call to Worship [screen] Diana Seaman, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #293 "Christ is Risen! Shout 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.*

Baptism Scarlett & Ellie Beaudette
 Daughter of Griffin & Sydney & Daughter of Blayne & Kelsie

Ministry of Music "The Gift of Grace" arr. Arnold Sherman
 Alleluia Ringers, Deanna Popielarz & Mike Perkins, Flute

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] John 15:12-17; Acts 9:1-18, MSG

Message "Community in Love" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers
 Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.
 **Hymn [screen] #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus" arr. Thomas Sheets
 Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist
 **Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Sing Praise to God" arr. Paul Laubengayer
 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, Marj Jackson, Karen Christmas,
 Larry & Linda Becker

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

Altar flowers are in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Doug & Debbie Wood. We also celebrate the baptisms of the Beaudette family.

Be sure and join us after worship today as we celebrate the unofficial start of summer together with an all-church luncheon down in fellowship hall.

Thanks to the Bell Choirs for a great season of music!

Thanks to all those who volunteered for Sunday School and helped with our young ones—please consider helping cover nursery duties over the summer season. And don't forget to volunteer for VBS (August 4-8)!

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

Come and celebrate Memorial Day in downtown St Joseph at the parade on Friday, May 23 at noon. Pastor Jeffrey will lead the prayer service after.

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.

All are welcome to Pastor Jeffrey and Carly's home for Taproom Hours on Thursday, May 29. Stop by the deck anytime from 5-7 p.m. Bring a drink or dish to pass! If you'd like to host a Taproom this summer, let Jeffrey know.

Join us Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m. as we kick off our Summer Concert series on the front lawn! Contact Pastor Jeffrey for details or to volunteer.

Please contact the church office first before dropping off Rummage donations. Anything left at the church without explanation will not be kept.

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 5/22.