

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

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Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, May 26

Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 27

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

9:30 a.m. - Book Group

Wednesday, May 28

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 29

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours

Friday, May 30

7:00 p.m. - Summer Concert

Sunday, June 1

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Service Project

1:00 p.m. - Pride Service

Monday, June 2

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Sixth 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 "In Thee is Gladness" arr. Dale Wood

****Call to Worship** [screen] Bob Ehrenberg, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #307 "Good Christians All, Rejoice"

Children's Message *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Nursery available.*

Ministry of Music "Blessed Are Those" Benjamin Harlan
 Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] John 14:23-29; Acts 11:19-26, MSG

Message "Why Christian?" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.
****Hymn** [screen] #381 "Restore in Us, O God"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Robert Hobby

****Doxology** [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "In Thee is Gladness" arr. J. S. Bach

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

Ushers: Kathryn & Bruce Anderson, Mike Johnson, 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

We are grateful for all those who gave the gift of life in service to this nation. We honor them and all servicewomen and men. Thank you!

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.

On Sunday, June 1 after worship, Missions Board invites the congregation to help assemble CWS Kits for disaster relief in fellowship hall.

Interfaith Action is holding a service with The OutCenter in Three Oaks on Sunday, June 1 at 1 p.m. for Pride Month. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for info.

Pastor Jeffrey will be offering a seminar on Scripture on Sunday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m. This is a two-part series, open to any who want to learn.

Thanks to all who helped Bear Packs, our weekend food ministry with SJPS—you provided over 3900 meals to kids in need! See you next year!

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)!

Walking group meets Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m. Contact Patty Nordberg (269.369.0629) to participate.

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 6/26.