

## 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

Brenton Offenback, Music

Carly Hubers, Youth

Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 31

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

Monday, September 1

Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

6:00 p.m. - Missions Board

Wednesday, September 3

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 4

1:00 p.m. - Rummage Mtg

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Sunday, September 7

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Luncheon

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, September 8

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

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



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**10:30 a.m.**

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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      "Traumerei" R. Schumann/arr. C. Davidoff

**\*\*Call to Worship** [screen]      Kathy Zerler-Anderson, Liturgist

Hymn [screen]      #652 "This is the Day"

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

Ministry of Music      "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. David Abramsky  
    Susan Dietrich-Reed, Cello

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen]      Luke 14:7-14, NRSV

Message      "The Best Seat in the House" Rev. Dr. Andy Bossardet  
    *Guest Preacher*

**\*\*Hymn** [screen]      #473 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Morning Prayer      Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory      "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Fernando Ortega  
**\*\*Doxology** [screen]

Benediction      Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude      "Trumpet Tune in D" David Johnson

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

**Ushers:** Bruce Anderson, Chuck Pappalardo, Jennifer Holmes,  
Niki Schreiber

*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/fccsti>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanks to Rev. Dr. Andy Bossardet for providing the message today while Pastor Jeffrey and his family are on vacation.

The church office will be closed on September 1 for the holiday.

Music Ministries resume September 3 & 4. Contact Brenton at [brenton@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:brenton@fccstjoseph.org) for rehearsal times or more info.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 3 at 1 p.m.  
Contact Kathy at [zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

"Welcome Back" Sunday will be September 7, including an all-church luncheon. RSVP with the church office by Thursday, September 4.

We also are looking for help in the kitchen with prep and set-up. Contact Ann at [ap1054@yahoo.com](mailto:ap1054@yahoo.com) to lend a hand—anyone can join!

Mary Preston Guild will meet Wednesday, September 10 for a luncheon. RSVP with [bcdurflinger@gmail.com](mailto:bcdurflinger@gmail.com) by September 8 or for more info.

Mark your calendars for our final summer concert on September 12 with the Mike Struwlin Band! Contact Pastor Jeffrey to volunteer or sponsor.

We're looking for folks willing to help with Sunday School this fall. Contact Carly at [carly@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:carly@fccstjoseph.org) for more info or [sign up here](#) (digital link).

Our kids (and their families) would also love to see you helping out in the nursery. You can see the [volunteer options here](#) (digital link).

Contact Beth Kenagy ([Bak73wm@aol.com](mailto:Bak73wm@aol.com)) to volunteer and help put together Bear Packs, weekend food bags for SJPS.

The Board of Missions is collecting donations for migrants on behalf of Interfaith Action. See full donation list & bin in church entryway.

The Michigan Conference is asking for data in their conference-wide youth ministry project. See bulletin board or the [digital link here](#).

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 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 9/25.