

## 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

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, September 14

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

Monday, September 15

6:30 p.m. - CE Board

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, September 17

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 18

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

6:30 p.m. - Interfaith @ Pilgrim

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m. - Fall Fest

Sunday, September 21

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

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



**First Congregational  
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

Welcome  
*thanks for coming*

**"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      "Praise to the Lord" arr. Johann Walther

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

Hymn [screen]      #565 "O Christians, Haste"

Children's Message    *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Grades 1-5 invited to Sunday School in chapel. Nursery care available for younger children.*

Ministry of Music      "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis  
    *Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen]      Jeremiah 4:1-4; 1 Timothy 1:12-17, NRSV

Message      "The Middle Word" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

*Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*  
**\*\*Hymn** [screen]      #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"  
Morning Prayer      Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory      "Whatever My God Ordains is Right" arr. Johann Pachelbel

**\*\*Doxology** [screen]

Benediction      Parting Blessing [screen]  
    *You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.*  
Postlude      "Tuba Tune" Craig Lang

**Ushers:** Kristen Robinson, Chris Paine, Barb Durflinger, Harold Bragg,  
    Karla Donnell-Bragg

*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**

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

Thanks for helping wrap up our Summer Concert series on Friday! We'll see you next summer!

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 17 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy at [zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Interfaith Action is hosting an Immigration Simulation at Pilgrim Church on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. See [digital link](#) for more info.

We're hosting a booth at Fall Fest (September 20) on the bluff. Come help promote FCC to the community. Contact Pastor Jeffrey to volunteer.

Pastor Jeffrey's book study continues on September 21 at 6 p.m. in the library. Contact him for more info on the class or to purchase a book.

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).

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](#) for survey info.

Rummage Sale Set-Up begins on Monday, September 22. See the full schedule and more info on the bulletin board by Pastor Jeffrey's office.

Taproom Hours will be at Ruth Beach's (214 Eloise Dr. Benton Harbor) on Thursday, September 25 from 5-7 p.m. Bring something to pass!

Please collect leftover items from above the coat racks in the hallway.

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.