

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, October 12

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, October 13

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Wednesday, October 15

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 16

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

6:00 p.m. - Immigration Rally

Sunday, October 19

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Luncheon

Monday, October 20

6:30 p.m. - CE Board

Tuesday, October 21

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

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



**First Congregational
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Stewardship Month"

**"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*
Stewardship Moment / Sharing the Peace [screen]
 You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare for worship.
Prelude "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" arr. Dale Wood

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

Hymn [screen] #3 "God, We Praise You!"

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 "You Shall Shout with Joy" Patti Drennan
 Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11-14; Luke 17:11-19, NRSV

Message "Hospitality of the Heart" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge
****Hymn** [screen] #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Marilyn Biery
****Doxology** [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]
 You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.
Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Max Reger/Gustav Merkel

Ushers: Patty Nordberg, Fran and Bill Chickering, Rosemary Holloway

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 today are in memory of Jim Meister from his family.

October is Stewardship Month—help build the coming year's budget by filling out a Planned Giving card or contact the church office for more info.

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

Pastor Jeffrey's book study on *Dominion* continues tonight at 6 in the library. Contact him for more info on the class.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 15 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy (zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Interfaith will be hosting an Immigrant Solidarity Rally with food, music and speakers here on the grounds on Thursday, October 16 at 6 p.m.

Next Sunday, October 19, we'll be having a luncheon after worship, with a delicious, Oktoberfest theme! RSVP with the church office by October 16.

October Taproom Hours will be held at Watermark Brewery on Thursday, October 23 from 5-7 p.m. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for event info.

Interested in joining FCC? Contact Pastor Jeffrey for more info.

Missions Board is collecting supplies for Thanksgiving boxes for area veterans and school families in need. See full donation list in entryway.

Want to help with Rake-a-Difference on Thursday, November 13? Contact Ryan (ryanwilliamcheevers@gmail.com) to join our team or for more info!

We're looking for folks willing to help with Sunday School this fall. Contact Carly at 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).

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) - next slot is 10/23.