

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

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 30

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

Monday, December 1

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

7:00 p.m. - Interfaith Board

Tuesday, December 2

6:00 p.m. - Missions Board

Wednesday, December 3

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 4

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Sunday, December 7

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Nominating Mtg

3:45 p.m. - MM Vespers

6:30 p.m. - Book Study

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



**First Congregational
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 30, 2025

10:30 a.m.

“First Sunday of Advent”

**“Wherever you are on the journey of life or faith,
you are welcome here”**

**2001 Niles Ave
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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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Paul Manz

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

Hymn [screen] #96 "O for a Thousand Tongues"

Advent Candle Lighting Robin and Dan Lydic

Children's Message *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Nursery care available for younger children afterward. No Sunday School today.*

Ministry of Music "Advent Message" Martin How
 Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 3:1-10, NRSV

Message "Embracing the New" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

****Hymn** [screen] #161 "People, Look East"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Wilbur Held

****Doxology** [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]
 You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.

Postlude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Richard Blake

Ushers: Bruce & Kathy Zerler-Anderson, Roger Bertsch, Jerry Pfeiffle,
 Jane Oelke, Beth Kenagy

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

The flowers in the narthex are in memory of the organ donor, the unknown angel, 27 years ago, from Phillip & Pam (Griffin) Whitehead.

Thanks for all the help decorating for Advent—welcome to the "new" year!

The Brunch Bunch is meeting immediately after worship today, going to Full of Crepe. Contact Cindy at 269.208.3212 to join!

The Nominating Meeting will be held after worship on December 7.

December 7 will be the Choral Christmas program, and December 14 will be the Children's Christmas program. Don't miss these special services!

Mary Preston Guild is hosting their Christmas luncheon on December 10. RSVP with Helen (269.429.0295) by December 5. Pastor Jeffrey will be sharing his faith journey.

Grief Ministry will meet on Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m. Email cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu or zerlerkathy@gmail.com for info.

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Luncheon following worship on Sunday, December 14. RSVP with the church office by December 11.

Missions is asking for winter socks, hats, and gloves for guests of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. Donation bin located in entryway.

Come lend a hand with Sunday School for elementary students. 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!

