

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, November 9

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Dedication

11:45 a.m. - Fellowship

11:45 a.m. - BP Clinic

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, November 10

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Tuesday, November 11

6:00 p.m. - Missions Board

Wednesday, November 12

1:00 p.m. - Mary Preston Guild

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 13

9:00 a.m. - Rake-a-Difference

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Saturday, November 15

11:00 a.m. - Fernwood Hike

Sunday, November 16

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Luncheon

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



**First Congregational
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Keith Kolander

****Call to Worship** [screen] Jennifer Holmes, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #593 "Lord, Speak to Me"

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 "Come Home" Craig Courtney
 Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Genesis 1:1-2; Exodus 31:1-9; Luke 3: 15-18, NRSV

Message "The Spirit of Creation" Rev. Dr. John Hubers

****Hymn** [screen] "Lord, I Need You" CCLI#5925687

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Lani Smith

****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" arr. Charles Callahan

Ushers: Patty Nordberg, Bruce and Kathy Zerler-Anderson,
 Cindi Collum, Cynthia Schlipp, Merrilee Anderson

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

Thanks to Rev. Dr. John Hubers for joining us for worship today.

Following worship, everyone is welcome to join for the dedication of the original church bell, helping mark our 171 history! Treats served after!

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

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

Mary Preston Guild will meet on Wednesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. Email Mary (maryjgoff@gmail.com) to RSVP for the meeting.

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

Join for a hiking outing at Fernwood Gardens on Saturday, November 15. Carpool from the church at 11 a.m. Call Amy 231.330.9482 to confirm!

Get your ticket for our Thanksgiving luncheon on November 16! RSVP with the church office by November 13—tickets are required for the lunch!

Book group will meet on Tuesday, November 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge, discussing *James* by Percival Everett. Email dfdumke@gmail.com for info.

Missions Board thanks everyone for the Thanksgiving food basket donations! Kits will be assembled after worship on Sunday, November 23.

The church office will be closed on November 26-27 for the holiday.

Missions is also asking for donations of winter socks, hats, and gloves for guests of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen.

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!