

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

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SCHEDULE

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

Monday, December 8

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

Wednesday, December 10

12:00 p.m. - Mary Preston Guild

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 11

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

7:00 p.m. - Staff Christmas

Saturday, December 13

10:00 a.m. - Grief Ministry

4:00 p.m. - Diaconate Board

Sunday, December 14

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Christmas Lunch

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

“Second Sunday of Advent”

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

**2001 Niles Ave
St Joseph MI 49085**

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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]

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Hymn [screen]

#161 "People, Look East"

Advent Candle Lighting

Keralyn Totten and Jeff and Owen Cisyk

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

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture [screen]

Message in Music

Chancel Choir, Marcelo Martins, accompanist

"In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Larry Shackley

Deanna Popielarz, Flute

"The Lamb" Kenneth Mahy

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" arr. David Sims

****Hymn** [screen]

#183 "Once in Royal David's City"

The Lord's Supper [screen]

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: Kristen Robinson, Chris Paine, Jane Oelke, Robin Lydic,
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/fccsti>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Welcome to our Choral Christmas today! Thanks for all our musicians and vocalists sharing of their gifts this morning!

The Nominating Meeting will be held immediately after worship.

Monday Musical is holding their Christmas Vespers at 3:45 p.m. in the sanctuary today—all are welcome to attend!

Pastor Jeffrey's final class on *Dominion* is at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

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

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

The Christmas Luncheon will follow the Children's Christmas on Sunday, December 14. Must RSVP with the church office by December 11!

Join for our Music Ministry's "Sing of Christmas" event on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Freewill offering collected.

On Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m., there will be a "Longest Night" service, holding space before the brightest of Christmas for shared grief.

Missions is sponsoring foster children's Christmas gifts. Contact the church office to select a name and donate a gift!

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).

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!

