# **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 Brenton Offenback, Music Carly Hubers, Youth Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse Judy Hoffman, Church Office Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

### **SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 21 6:00 p.m. - Longest Night

Monday, December 22

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

Tuesday, December 23 Office closing at noon

Wednesday, December 24 5:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25
Office closed—Merry Christm

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Sunday, December 28 10:30 a.m. - Worship 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

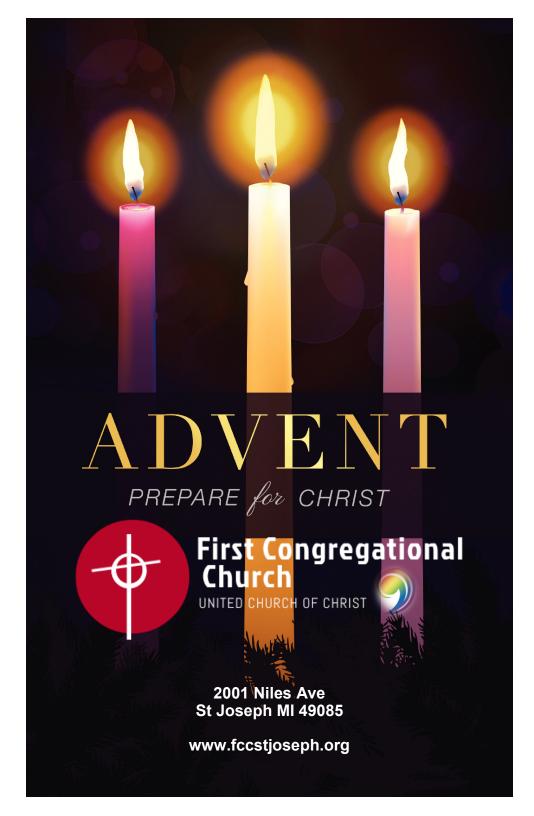
Tuesday, December 30 Office closing at noon

Wednesday, December 31

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1 Happy New Year!

For full listing, check Events or Newsletter on website.



"Wherever you are on the journey of life or faith, you are welcome here"

Welcome to our Longest Night service of Grief and Remembrance. On this night where the darkness is at its greatest, we hold out for the light as we remember loved ones and the pain we may yet bear, yearning for Christ's new creation to transform all things into grace.

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

"Sanctuary" Carrie Newcomer

Welcome

Call to Worship [screen]

Worship Response [screen]

"O Lord Hear My Prayer"

Candle Lighting "We Are Not Alone" Eliza Gilkyson Following Pastor Jeffrey's invitation, anyone is invited to come forward, take a candle and have Pastor Jeffrey light it, to then be placed on the stands.

Prayer

Parting Song [screen]

#428 "When Peace Like a River"

Benediction

You are invited to depart in peace while the music plays.

Postlude

**Ushers:** Bruce and Kathy Zerler-Anderson

Thank you for joining us! 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 <a href="https://www.remind.com/join/fccsti">https://www.remind.com/join/fccsti</a>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanks to Diane Van Deurzen and Lisa Otey for blessing this service with voice and song. To see more of their music, visit https://dianeandlisa.com

If anyone needs further resources for grief, please contact Pastor Jeffrey or consider Lory's Place (<a href="https://lorysplace.org/">https://lorysplace.org/</a>). We also host a Grief Ministry the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

If you missed the Children's Christmas video, watch it here (digital link).

Christmas Eve Worship will be 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Come celebrate!

Thanks to all those who helped purchase gifts for foster children!

Thanks to all who helped deliver flowers to shut-ins and families in need.

Thanks for the donations of winter hats, socks and gloves for the guests of Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen!

The church office will be closed December 24-25, 31 and January 1.

The Brunch Bunch will meet after worship on Sunday, December 28, and eat at Full of Crepe in downtown St Joe. Contact: Cindy (269.208.3212).

Book Club was canceled due to weather. Next meeting will be on January 27 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Faith at fesstiv@comcast.net for more info.

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 <u>volunteer options here</u> (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!

