

## 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

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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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, January 18

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Faith & Families

Monday, January 19

Office Closed—Happy MLK!

6:30 p.m. - CE Board

Tuesday, January 20

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, January 21

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 22

2:30 p.m. - Bear Packs

5:00 p.m. - FPC Dinner

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Saturday, January 24

8:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry

Sunday, January 25

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. - Brunch Bunch

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

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



**First Congregational  
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Baptism of Christ Sunday”**

**“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*  
Sharing the Peace [screen]  
    *You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare for worship.*  
Prelude      "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Roger Wilson

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

Hymn [screen]      #241 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

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      "If My People Will Pray" arr. Keith Christopher  
    *Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen]      Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17, MSG

Message      "You are Beloved" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

*Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*  
**\*\*Hymn** [screen]      #248 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Morning Prayer      Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory      "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" arr. Dale Wood

**\*\*Doxology** [screen]

Benediction      Parting Blessing [screen]

*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.*  
Postlude      "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Edwin Childs

**Ushers:** Cynthia Schlipp, Mike & Donna Dumke, Rick & Barb Freridge,  
    Jesse Mashak

*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 altar flowers are in memory of beloved Connor David Neumann, from Robyn Neumann.

Calling all families! Pastor Jeffrey and Carly are starting a "Faith & Family" group, beginning tonight at 6. Contact them for more info.

The church office will be closed Monday, January 19 for the holiday.

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday, January 21 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy Zerler-Anderson for info (zerlerkathy@gmail.com).

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, January 25 after worship. Meeting materials and absentee voting will be emailed out soon.

The Brunch Bunch is meeting at Kim Henkel's home on Sunday, January 25 after the Annual Meeting. Please RSVP with Cindy (269.208.3212).

Pastor Jeffrey will begin a new book study, *The Rebirthing of God* by J. Philip Newell, on Sunday, January 25. Contact him for more info.

Interfaith Action will hold a film discussion on Monday, January 26 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for more info.

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Faith at [fesstiv@comcast.net](mailto:fesstiv@comcast.net) for more info.

You can find the video for the Leadership Training offered by Pastor Jeffrey by clicking [here](#) (digital link).

We need help with Sunday School for elementary students. Contact Carly at [carly@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:carly@fccstjoseph.org) for more info or [sign up here](#) (digital link).

Our kids (and their families) would love to see you helping out in the nursery. You can see the [volunteer options here](#) (digital link).

Our weekend food ministry with SJPS is looking for helping hands! Contact Beth Kenagy ([bak73wm@aol.com](mailto:bak73wm@aol.com)) for sign-ups.

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](mailto:ap1054@yahoo.com)) - next slot is 1/22.