

## 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 4

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Leadership

Monday, January 5

10:00 a.m. - Decorations

Tuesday, January 6

6:00 p.m. - Missions Board

Wednesday, January 7

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 8

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

6:30 p.m. - The Artist's Way

Saturday, January 10

10:00 a.m. - Grief Ministry

Sunday, January 11

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

6:30 p.m. - Forum @ Saron

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



**First Congregational  
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Second Sunday of Christmas”**

**“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      "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling" J. S. Bach  
  
\*\*Call to Worship [screen]      Fran Chickering, Liturgist  
  
Hymn [screen]      #193 "Sing We Now of Christmas"  
  
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      "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" arr. George Winston  
    *Brenton Offenback, piano*  
  
Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen]      Genesis 1:1-3, 26-31; John 1:1, 10-18, NRSV  
  
Message      "Sticking Around" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers  
  
\*\*Hymn [screen]      #197 "Come and Hear the Joyful Singing"  
  
The Lord's Supper [screen]  
  
Morning Prayer      Lord's Prayer [screen]  
  
Offertory      "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" arr. Lyle Neff  
  
\*\*Doxology [screen]  
  
Benediction      Parting Blessing [screen]  
    *You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.*  
Postlude      "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Gordon Young  
  
**Ushers:** Patty Nordberg, Nancy Fette, Becky Hungerford, Jane Oelke,  
    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**

Pastor Jeffrey will offer a Leadership Training after worship today. Special treats provided for the presentation.

Help take down Christmas decorations on Monday, January 5 at 10 a.m. Contact the office for more info on volunteering.

Music ministries rehearsals begin this week. Contact Brenton ([brenton@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:brenton@fccstjoseph.org)) for info on choir or bell groups.

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday, January 7 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy Zerler-Anderson for info ([zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com)).

*The Artist's Way* course begins on Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Township Library. Contact Cynthia at 505.870.2201 to learn more.

Grief Ministry will meet on Saturday, January 10 at 10 a.m. Info: Cynthia ([cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu](mailto:cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu)) or Kathy ([zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com)).

Pastor Jeffrey is leading a presentation at Saron Lutheran Church for their Forum & Fellowship series, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Preston Guild will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at 1 p.m.

Giving envelopes for 2026 are available for pick-up from the church office. If you'd like to use giving envelopes, please contact the office.

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](mailto:fesstiv@comcast.net) for more info.

Come lend a hand 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 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!

