

## 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, March 1

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Book Study

Monday, March 2

6:00 p.m. - Brain Health

7:00 p.m. - MM Presents

Tuesday, March 3

6:00 p.m. - Missions Board

Wednesday, March 4

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 5

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Sunday, March 8

\*Daylight Savings Time begins

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

11:30 a.m. - Diaconate Board

Monday, March 9

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Board

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



**First Congregational  
Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Second Sunday of Lent”**

**“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 "Receive Our Prayer, O Lord" François Couperin

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

Hymn [screen] #350 "The Summons"

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 "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" arr. Craig Courtney  
*Chancel Choir; Marcelo Martins, accompanist*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen] Genesis 12:1-4; John 3:1-17, NRSV

Message "The Beautiful Unknown" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

**\*\*Hymn [screen]** #252 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

The Lord's Supper [screen]

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Abide With Me" arr. John Purifoy  
**\*\*Doxology [screen]**

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]  
*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.*

Postlude "Basse de Trompette" François Couperin

**Ushers:** Kristen Robinson, Chris Paine, Beck Hungerford,  
Cynthia Schlipp, 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/fccstj>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Jeffrey's book study will resume tonight at 6 in the library.

Monday Musical Presents will offer a program in the sanctuary tomorrow, Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, March 4 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy for more info: [zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com).

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 8 so please remember to "spring forward" one hour on any clocks!

Mary Preston Guild will meet Wednesday, March 11 at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Room at church. Tim Moore, LMC history instructor, will present.

Grief Ministry will meet on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Email [cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu](mailto:cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu) or [zerlerkathy@gmail.com](mailto:zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for info.

Following worship on Sunday, March 15, there will be a full afternoon planned of food, fellowship and fun. Soup and sandwiches will be served, followed by a time of games and crafts. RSVP with the office by March 12.

Sign up for the "Soup Bowl" fundraiser on March 22 through Missions Board. Contact Cindy Langer (269.208.3212) to join a bowling team.

On March 29 at 6 p.m. we will present the Stations of the Cross. For more info or interested in reading, email Don at [donaldpopielarz@gmail.com](mailto:donaldpopielarz@gmail.com).

For those interested in joining FCC, please contact Pastor Jeffrey. A New Member Sunday is being planned soon!

Thank you for all the soup and cereal donations for the weekend food bag ministry for SJPS and Logan Autism Center!

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).

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 3/26.