

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

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Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 26

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

11:30 a.m. - Trustees Board

6:00 p.m. - Faith & Families

Monday, April 27

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

7:00 p.m. - Scouts

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 a.m. - Book Group

1:15 p.m. - Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. - Brain Health

Wednesday, April 29

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Bells

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 30

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Bells

Friday, May 1

7:00 p.m. - Spring Fling

Sunday, May 3

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m.

“Fourth Sunday of Easter”

**“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 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" arr. Barbara Kinyon
Jubilate Ringers
****Call to Worship [screen]** Bob Ehrenberg, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] "In Christ Alone" CCLI#3350395

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 "When I Cry" Marshall Hall/Benjamin Gaither
David Ortiz, tenor; Joshua Goines, piano
Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] John 10:1-10, NRSV

Message "The Voice of the Shepherd" Rev. Jason DeWaard
Guest Minister

Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.
****Hymn [screen]** #302 "He Lives"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "The Call" Ralph Vaughan Williams
****Doxology [screen]**

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]
You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection.
Postlude "Celebration" Cynthia Dobrinski
Alleluia Ringers

Ushers: Wes Lentz, Meryle Merritt, Mike and Marlene Johnson,
Johnathan Allgood

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

Thanks to Rev. Jason DeWaard for joining us for worship this morning.

Faith and Families will meet tonight at 6. Contact Pastor Jeffrey or Carly if you'd like more info.

Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *Where the Rivers Merge* by Mary Alice Monroe. Email festiv@comcast.net for info.

Taproom Hours will be Thursday, April 30 from 5-7 p.m. at The Livery (190 5th St Benton Harbor). Stop by anytime!

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 1 as we host The B-Side, a Billy Joel-cover band, in fellowship hall, from 7-8:30 p.m. Food, drink, and fun all available to benefit our Bear Pack, weekend food bag ministry! Let Pastor Jeffrey know if you can help volunteer for the show!

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 6 at 1 p.m. For more info, contact Kathy at zerlerkathy@gmail.com.

Interfaith Action will host a National Day of Prayer service here on Thursday, May 7 at noon. All are welcome!

Grief Ministry will meet on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. For more info, email zerlerkathy@gmail.com or cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu.

There will be a special handbell concert on Saturday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Free-will offering collected.

Mary Preston Guild will meet at noon on May 13 for lunch at the St. Joe River Yacht Club. Call Lucy (269.235.4400) to RSVP by May 7.

We need help 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 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? It's a great way to serve and meet new people! [Use the Sign-Up Genius link](#) (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) - next slot is 5/28.