

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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Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Longest Night

Tuesday, December 24

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed - Christmas!

Thursday, December 26

Office Closed - Christmas!

Sunday, December 29

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

Monday, December 30

4 p.m. - Contributions due

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed - New Year!

Saturday, January 4

10:00 a.m. - Leadership Event

For full listing, check Events or Newsletter on website.



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 22, 2024

10:30 a.m.

“Fourth Sunday of Advent”

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

2001 Niles Ave
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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 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Johann Pachelbel

**Call to Worship [screen] Bob Ehrenberg, Liturgist

Hymn [screen] #168 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Advent Candle Lighting The Brotzki family

Children's Message *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Nursery care open.*
Ministry of Music "The Glory Of The Father" Egil Hovland
Chancel Choir
Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46-55, MSG
Message "Liturgy & Life" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers
Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.
**Hymn [screen] #154 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Friedrich Zachau
**Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Johann S. Bach

*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection;
otherwise, please depart quietly. Peace be with you!*

Ushers: Cynthia Schlipp, Andi Clark, Cindi Collum, Barb Durlinger,
Bruce Molineaux

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, send a text to **81010** with the message **@fccstj**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special service of prayer will be held tonight at 6, titled "The Longest Night" - a time of sharing grief amid the hope of Advent.

Thanks to everyone who delivered poinsettias and cookies to our shut-ins. What a way to spread Christmas cheer!

Christmas Eve worship services will be 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Both will feature lessons, carols, special music, and candlelit hymns.

The Triemstra family is looking for support in their foster care. For more info, please contact Molly at 269.930.3016.

The church office will be closed December 24-26, closing at noon on the 31st and closed January 1 for the holidays.

Please collect any leftover kitchenware (containers, bowls, etc.) from above the coatrack next to Pastor Jeffrey's office. Any items left till the New Year will go into the Rummage Sale!

If you missed the Nominating meeting on Dec. 8, see the attached link:
<https://boxcast.tv/view/nominating-meeting-puniae5z01eianym1cc>

Interested in joining FCC? Please contact Pastor Jeffrey for New Member Sunday, coming in January!

Thanks for all the help this past season with the weekend food ministry (Bear Packs) for local schools. See you next semester!

Pastor Jeffrey will offer a Leadership Breakfast on Saturday, January 4 at 10 a.m.—this is a valuable resource for any who serve on church boards and committees, as well as all who are interested in our church structure.

Volunteers are needed to help take down Advent / Christmas decorations on Monday, January 5 at 10 a.m.

Mary Preston Guild will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 1 p.m.

We'd really love more help in the nursery and Sunday School in the new year! Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org) to help with our young ones!

Can you help serve at Soup Kitchen on the third Tuesday of every month? Contact Lori Hellenga (269.921.7919) to volunteer or to learn more!

Could you usher on a Sunday morning? Sign-up through [Sign-Up Genius](#) (digital link) or contact Wes Lentz (cwbrazel@gmail.com) for assistance.