

**OUR MINISTER,
REV. CHASE PEEPLES,**

Chase passionately believes that the church should be an open-minded and inclusive community that welcomes and serves all people. You can read his sermons on the First Christian website and also find out what else is on his mind at his blog, (www.revpeep.blogspot.com) He grew up in the Kansas City area but moved to the east coast in high school. He came to St. Joseph in January 2007 and is excited about being back in the midwest. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. After seminary, Chase spent three years pursuing a Ph.D. in New Testament at Emory University but left his academic dreams behind after realizing that serving in a local church really was the best way for him to make a difference in the world. In his career, Chase has served churches in New York, Virginia and Tennessee. He holds ministerial standing in the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ. Chase and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons Julian and Jameson.

Weekly Events

Sunday @ 9:30 AM—Sunday

School (all ages)

Sunday @ 10:45 AM—

Worship (nursery available)/Children's Church

Wednesday @ 7:00 PM—

Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Thursday @ 7:00 PM—Choir Practice

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Welcome to FCC

When Jesus sat down at a table, he was joined by the kind of people that made self-righteous religious types upset. He accepted all who came and welcomed them to the table.

At First Christian, we do the same. Bring your faith and doubts, your questions and answers, your strengths and weaknesses, your mind and heart.

There is room at Jesus' table for you.

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Disciples of Christ

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ABOUT FCC



First Christian of St. Joseph, Missouri held its first service in a private home in 1845, less than two years after the founding of the city of St. Joseph. Over the next 163+ years, the church has carried out a vital ministry to the people of St. Joseph. In the twenty-first century, we are providing an open-minded and inclusive community of faith to all who seek such a church.

WHO WE ARE

- *We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ trying to live lives of faith that glorify God.*
- *We believe that being part of Christ's church means loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.*
- *We are working to promote the peace and justice of Christ in our community and around the world.*
- *We are a congregation made up of people from diverse backgrounds, holding a variety of beliefs and opinions, and involved in different parts of our community.*
- *We come together to seek God in creation, scripture, reason and one another, and we invite everyone to bring their own unique talents, gifts and wisdom to these efforts.*

SERVING OTHERS

The members of First Christian Church are dedicated to serving the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors across the street and around the world.

Here are a few of the exciting ways First Christian Church is serving others:

- Open Door Food Kitchen
- Royal Family Kids Camp for abused and neglected children
- Jamaica Mission Trip
- Food Collection for Interserv

YOUTH

The youth group of First Christian Church seeks to teach young people (grades 6-12) about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ in relevant and fun ways. The group meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Recent youth events include a bowling night, lock-ins and the youth group Christmas party.

FCC youth also take part in the full life of the church by leading in worship and ministering to others through events like Royal Family Kids Camp and the M.S. 150.