

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

If you are new to our church and would like more information, please ask one of our greeters or ushers or visit the **Welcome Center**. They can direct you to classrooms, nursery, restrooms, food, and fellowship, as well as introduce you to our staff. We would be honored to get to know you better and learn about your life and spiritual needs. Our community may not know you yet, but we already love you and hope you will make this your spiritual home. Thank you for joining us today, and God bless you!

Liturgists 8:00 Bill Emslie, 9:30 Susie Land, 11:00 Stephanie Lane

Communion Servers 9:30 Bill Emslie, Rick Norton, Barbara Reimer; 11:00 John Allum, Martha Sherrod, Shan Watkins

Candle Lighters

8:00 Lloyd and Jean Helper; 9:30 Krueger Family; 11:00 Gentile Family

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Paggers are available upon request. Preschool and elementary-aged children are invited to our Sunday School programs during the 9:30 a.m. service and are welcome in all worship services or the childcare area during 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

First Kids' Club – 9:45 a.m.

First Kids' Club is offered on the first Sunday of each month for K-5th graders during the 9:30 a.m. service. Join us for an all-in-one service just for kids, led by Barb Grauberger and some of our amazing youth. Meet us in the Narthex after Children's Time, and we'll head to the Cinema Center for great music, fun skits, short engaging videos, Bible learning, and lots of worship. We will bring children back to their parents and guardians in the Sanctuary so families can participate in Communion together.

For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.

Youth – The first Sunday of every month is **Serve Sunday**. Look for students serving our church family in many different ways during the 9:30 a.m. service. No youth Sunday School. Any students not serving may worship with their families. Join us at 3:30 p.m. for our Youth Christmas Party.

Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us.

8:00 a.m.: Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Village Commons

9:30 a.m.: Samaritan Class – Parlor; Serendipity Class – Village Commons; Upper Room Class -- Upper Room (Room 235)

11:00 a.m.: Open Hearts Class – Village Commons; CrossWalk Community – Wesley Commons

All Are Welcome Here – We Strive For It.

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, commits to offering a community in which persons of diverse age, color, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity, economic status, and physical or mental ability are **all** welcomed and affirmed. To all who have known pain of exclusion or discrimination from church or in society, we ask forgiveness and offer a place of respite and welcome.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music Two settings of *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*
J.S. Bach, Paul Manz

Welcome

Passing the Peace

8:00 Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. John Barr

9:30 & 11:00 Introit *Outstanding News* Dengler
Joyful Noise & Cherub Children's Choirs

Advent Candle Lighting

† **Hymn of Praise** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

Children's Time Barb Grauberger
Hymn *Open Our Eyes* TFWS 2086

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prayer of Dedication Liturgist

Offering *Thank you for your generous support.*
8:00 *Mary, Did You Know?* arr. Jack Schrader
Anthony Weber, soloist

9:30 & 11:00 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
Sanctuary Choir Andre Thomas

† **Doxology** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, v. 1* UMH 213

Scripture Psalm 80:1-7 Liturgist

Sermon "Interruptions" Dr. Melanie Rosa

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together (v. 1)* UMH 618

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

8:00 *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Joseph Martin
Karen Stody, piano

9:30 & 11:00
Come, All Ye Shepherds/The First Noel arr. McKechnie & Johnson
What Child Is This? arr. McKlveen
Andrew Hudson, handbells

† Hymn of Dedication

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, v. 1 UMH 206

† Benediction

Postlude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Westenkuehler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Workshop: Join us today from 1–3:30 p.m. for Advent Workshop—a family-friendly, festive, fun-filled event.

Communications from First Church: Please visit our website at www.fcfumc.net to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter as well as our weekly E-News. (Click Media/Communications to sign up.) You may also click the link called "In Our Prayers" to receive updates on recent deaths.

Greeters Needed for Christmas Eve Services: The First Church Greeters invite you to join us on Christmas Eve to greet worshipers at special services throughout the day. Our greatest needs are at all doors for the 2 p.m., 7 p.m., and 11 p.m. services. No experience necessary—just sharing a cheerful "Merry Christmas" with worshipers as they arrive. If you can help, sign up in Fellowship Hall this Sunday or email Mike Kohler at mike@scribblemountain.com.

Also needed on Christmas Eve are **volunteer receptionists** to greet guests and answer phones in the Main Office. Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall or email officemanager@fcfumc.net.

The Sunshine Singers Christmas Concert will be presented at the next Double Nickel Senior Lunch on Fri., Dec. 8, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4. No reservations required, and *all are welcome*.

You may order **Christmas Poinsettias** in honor of or in memory of a loved one through Dec. 10. The poinsettias will brighten our Sanctuary on Dec. 17 and 24. Proceeds benefit Senior Council. Order forms are available at the east and south entrances and at the Church Office.

Caroling Dec. 17: Come all, young and old, and join to sing Christmas carols to our home-bound members and residents of assisted living facilities. Meet at 2 p.m. in the south parking lot. Transportation provided. Contact Joe Winsett at (970) 484-8447.

Christmas Dinner & Lights is set for Mon., Dec. 18. First Church seniors and folks of all ages are invited to dinner at the Hilton at 5 p.m. and walking at the Gardens of Light following (handicapped accessible). Carpool leaves from the church at 4:30 p.m. For more info or to sign up, contact Linn Zink at (970) 689-3047 or lczink@gmail.com

All women are invited to join **United Methodist Women** on Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor for a **Christmas Coffee/Tea** and to rejoice in the Greatest Gift through scripture and carols.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Knit-In date change—Meet at the church 9 a.m. Sat., Dec. 9. We will carpool to Timnath Presbyterian and join our shawl-maker friends for our annual Christmas gathering. For more information, contact Elva at (970) 482-0983.

Please note:

- Announcements will not be included in our Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 bulletins.
- Deadline for announcements for the Jan. 7 bulletin is Wed., Jan. 3, 12 p.m.
- Our office and building will be closed Dec. 25–26 and Jan. 1–2 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual **Charge Conference** will be held Mon., Dec. 4 at First United Methodist Church of Loveland. It will be a cluster Charge Conference with several other churches in the area. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with the Cluster Charge Conference starting at 7. All members and friends of our church are invited to attend.

Many thanks to all who made a financial commitment to our **A New Day for First Church** stewardship campaign. Your support of our shared mission is most gratifying. If you have not yet made a commitment, please do so soon so that we can carefully budget for ministry in 2018. (Cards are available at the Welcome Desk and in the pew racks.) God bless you!

Urgent Care Phone Line: (970) 294-6595

Call if you 1) urgently need to speak to one of the pastors, 2) have a death in the family and need a pastor's visit, 3) need a pastor to pray with you before an unexpected surgery, or 4) are being admitted to the hospital and need a pastoral visit urgently. This phone rotates among the pastors and deacons and is to be used only for emergencies.

Advent in 10 Minutes: Receive a link to a short video each week during Advent and comment on a discussion blog. Sign up with email address in Fellowship Hall or at davidreid24@gmail.com.

Online Book Study: Join First Church's first online book study, *Names for the Messiah*, a small but powerful book by Walter Brueggemann. Sign up to purchase the book for \$11 or buy it on your own. No class sessions; just respond to study questions on a blog once a week during Advent. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or at davidreid24@gmail.com.

Order 2018 Disciplines: The *Upper Room Disciplines* is a popular daily devotional book that can be ordered at the Adult Faith Formation table. Writers for the new year include Amy Oden, Lynne M. Baab, Willie James Jennings and Stephen B. Chapman. Cost: \$11 for standard print or \$12 for large print.

Las Posadas is a traditional celebration commemorating Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. This event for low-income children is sponsored by Mujeres de Colores on Dec. 16. You may donate unwrapped toys and diapers to bless the children who participate. Please bring items to Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

Faith Family Hospitality: If you are thinking about volunteering and would like information about the FFH program and where you fit, please come to a special training at First Church on Mon., Dec. 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. in Village Commons. New as well as continuing volunteers will learn more about our outreach to families experiencing homelessness in Fort Collins.

Pastors

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor
Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor

Deacons

Rev. Sue Harmon, Chaplain, Poudre Valley Hospital
Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, Chaplain, Suncrest Hospice

Music Staff

David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications
Karen Stody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries
Anthony Weber, Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)
Brenna Martin, Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, Interim Director of Children's Ministries & Nursery Coordinator
Rebecca Dunagan, Director of Youth Ministries
David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator
Laura Lechtenberg, Director of Preschool
Gail Farnum, Director of Mother's Day Out

Administrative and Facilities Staff

Scott Schroeder, Business Manager
Jim Doser, Worship Technology Lead
Elise Harkey, Office Manager
Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager
Sarah Rathbun, Financial Secretary
Juanita Cruz, Custodian
Angel Holm, Custodian
Josh Osterbur, Custodian
Max Reyes, Custodian

Coming Next Week — Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Lessons and Carols featuring Emily Gehman, mezzo soprano;
Pablo Romero, tenor; Emilee Smith, soprano;
Kristen Smith, soprano; and Ivy Taylor, soprano
9:30 & 11:00 Musical Portraits of Christmas
Gloria by Randol Alan Bass
Hodie by Z. Randall Stroope
presented by the Sanctuary Choir
with members of the Fort Collins Symphony



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December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

“Interruptions”



**First United Methodist Church
of Fort Collins Welcomes You!**

We are delighted to have you with us for worship today.

We have three worship services each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (in the Chapel) 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (in the Sanctuary). Sunday School classes are offered at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and fellowship and food are available in Fellowship Hall adjacent to the Sanctuary. May you be blessed because you joined us in worship today.