

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 Joan Carter, 9:30 John Allum, 11:00 Martha Conant

Candle Lighters 8:00 the Rushings; 9:30 Kelly McBartlett & Blake Donahoe; 11:00 the Matthews family

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagery 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.

Children's Sunday School Classes – 9:45 a.m.

Please sign in your children at the Children's Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children sit with their parents/guardians during worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children's Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children in grades K-5 meet their shepherds outside the Narthex. The shepherds will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick up elementary children from the upstairs Village Classrooms following the service.

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

Youth – Students, grades 6 – 12, are invited to join us for coffee and discussion of the Scripture for this week's sermon. Then we'll head to the Sanctuary to listen to the message.

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 *Three Settings of "In Dulci Jubilo"*
J.S. Bach, L. Smith, J. Sanborn

Welcome **Passing the Peace**

Prelude 8:00 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Russell
9:30 & 11:00 *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. McChesney
Carillon Handbell Choir

Advent Candle Lighting

† **Hymn of Praise** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

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

Anthem 8:00 *The First Noel*
Laura Davis, saxophone
9:30 & 11:00 *Advent Tidings* Matthew Compton
Carillon Handbell Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offering *Thank you for your generous support.*
8:00 *O Little Town of Bethlehem, Angels We Have Heard on High*
Laura Davis, saxophone

9:30 & 11:00 *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* arr. Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

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

Scripture Micah 5:2-4 Liturgist

Sermon "Expectations" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *He Is Born* UMH 228

† Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on "Gloria"* Page Long

† Stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for worship on Sunday, December 24, and invite your family and friends!

- 9:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent morning worship in Sanctuary; childcare provided
- 2:00 p.m. Family Service featuring our children; childcare provided
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve with Choir, Brass, and Handbells; childcare provided
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve with Choir, Brass, and Handbells; childcare provided
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve with Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be available in the Chapel after the 5:00 service and before and after the 7:00 service.

Christmas Eve Volunteer Opportunities—Sign up in Fellowship Hall:

1. As part of our "welcome home" effort, we will provide parking lot assistance prior to the 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. services. The six helpers before each of those services will be provided with flashlights and brightly-colored vests so they may direct motorists to parking spaces near our entrances. No experience necessary.
2. Also, we need one reception desk volunteer for the 7:00 p.m. service.

If you can help with either opportunity, sign up in Fellowship Hall today or email Mike Kohler at mike@scribblemountain.com.

We have **yard signs** at the Welcome Desk available to promote our Christmas Eve services. Feel free to take one and return it after Christmas. Thank you!

Serving Our Neighbors: Sign up in Mission Corner to Feed the Homeless at Catholic Charities Mission Kitchen: **Mon., Dec. 18 or Sat., Dec. 30.** Volunteer at the Food Bank **Thurs., Dec. 22.**

Caroling Today Come 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

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. **Also the business office will be open limited hours Dec. 27-29.**
- Year-end financial gifts must be postmarked or received in the church office by Dec. 31

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. God bless you!

New small groups are scheduled to start in mid-January. Some by age; some by interest. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall at the Adult Faith Formation table. More info, davidreid24@gmail.com or (970) 581-2707.

Communications from First Church: To learn of those who have recently died in our church family, visit our website at www.fcfumc.net and click the **Prayer** link at the top. You may also click **Media/Communications** to sign up for our monthly newsletter and weekly ENews.

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary Sundays, December 17 & 24.

Mary and Chuck Andre in honor of Heidi & Nikita Andre; Everett & Finley Neubaum

Mary and Chuck Andre in memory of Jessie & Vincent Evans; Crystal A. Johnson

Norma Brown in memory of David L. Brown

Doreen Dudley in memory of Jim Dudley

A friend in honor of the Congregational Care Ministry

Sue Harmon in honor of her parents and grandparents

Chad and Amy Hoseth in memory of Tom Ballance

Margaret and George Janson in memory of family and loved ones

Gordon and Karen Knuckey in memory of our families

Anne Kylen in memory of loved ones in heaven

Stephanie Lane in memory of Tom Lane (husband)

Stephanie Lane in memory of Earl & Arletta Dailey (parents)

Floyd & Duane Maxwell; Dave, Lyn, Kristen, & Kevin Rubenthaler in memory of Ethel Maxwell

Mindee Metz in honor of the McDonald and Smythe families

Pam Metzger in memory of her parents

Lynn Pierce in memory of the Makepeace family

Lynn Pierce in memory of Lucia Priddy

Joan Richard in memory of my parents, Daniel and Betty Fadenrecht

June Richardson in memory of Jack Richardson

Marilyn Richardson in memory of Donald L. Richardson

Carrie & Ed Robison in memory of Bea Parker

Carrie & Ed Robison in memory of Glenn Wilson

Carrie & Ed Robison in honor of Sally and Bill Young

Carrie & Ed Robison in honor of Bently & Jeanne (D.) Robison

Ted & Linda Schlagenhauf in memory of their parents and Peggy & Sally

Steve Spelts and Sandy Odenbach in memory of Sidney & Agnes Spelts

Steve Spelts and Sandy Odenbach in memory of Elizabeth Edgerton

The Stromquist, Todd, and Rohla families in memory of Roy Rohla

The Thurstons in memory of Elaine Andersen Thurston

Kate Ward in memory of Bernard Booker and Irene Fenderson

Kate Ward in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ward

Kate Ward in memory of Robert F. Ward

Kenneth & Carol Whitcomb in memory of their parents

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 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. *only*

"Power Brought Down"

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38, Luke 1:46b-55

Christmas Eve Services

"The Same Old Story"

Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:1-20

2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 11:00 p.m.

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.**



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December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent
"Expectations"



**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.