

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!

Liturgist Cindi Ross-Bell

Candle Lighters The Putman family

Nursery/Childcare

Childcare is available for all ages. Pagars are available upon request.

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 9:30

Gathering Music *Nativity Suite*
Joan Carter, organ; Karen Stoody, piano
arr. Ron and Linda Sprunger

Welcome **Passing the Peace**

Prelude *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* arr. J. Westenkuehler

Advent Candle Lighting

† **Hymn of Praise** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* UMH 198

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

Anthem *We Shall Light a Thousand Candles* David Rasbach
Sanctuary Choir Quartet

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rebecca Dunagan

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Rebecca Dunagan

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Fum, Fum, Fum arr. H. Sorenson
David Adkins and Karen Stoody, piano duet

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

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55 Liturgist

Sermon "Power Brought Down to the Lowly"
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Hymn of Dedication** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* UMH 218

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Ukrainian Bell Carol* arr. Gerald Near

† Stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in the New Year.
January Sermon Series: "Tough Questions in Anxious Times"
Sunday Worship at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
January 7—"Does God Exist?"
Matthew 2:1-12
January 14—"What Happens When We Die?"
1 Corinthians 15:35-44; John 14:1-4
January 21—"Why Do People Suffer?"
Psalm 23; Romans 8:31-39
January 28—"Why Did Jesus Say That?"
Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21

Ministries for Children and Youth

We offer a variety of programming for children with a well-staffed nursery and a fun and meaningful Sunday school for children age 3 through grade 5 during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

For youth, grades 6 through 12, we offer various opportunities for connection and service to others including:
Youth Coffee Talk—Sunday mornings at 9:30.
Youth Group—Sunday nights, 6–8 p.m. in the Youth Wing.
Mission and service opportunities throughout the year.

Adult Classes

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity,
Wednesdays, Jan. 17–Mar. 7, 6-7 p.m.
Messy Spirituality: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People,
Wednesdays, Jan. 17–Feb 14, 6-7 p.m.
"Mindfulness and Contemplative Prayer"
Wednesdays, Jan. 17–Feb. 7, 6-7 p.m.
Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To,
Wednesdays, Jan. 17–Feb. 21, 12-1 p.m.; 7-8 p.m.
"Exploring First Church"
Sundays, January 28 and February 4, 12:15 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.**



Christmas Eve Services December 24, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
The Holy Christmas Story told in an unforgettable way with children in mind.

5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
A worship service with carols, candles, and Scripture and music by the Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir and Brass Quartet.

11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve service in the Sanctuary
A worship service with candles and communion.

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*

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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December 24, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Power Brought Down to the Lowly"



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

Coming Next Week —

"Spread Joy to the World"

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40

Music: Kristen Smith, soloist; Keilani McConnell, flute