

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 Martha Conant, 9:30 Joan Carter, 11:00 Pat Jungmeyer

Nursery/Childcare

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

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	<i>Three Festive Pieces for Christmastide</i>	M. Barker
Welcome		Passing the Peace
Prelude	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	arr. Paul Manz
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Joy to the World</i>	UMH 246
9:30 Children's Time		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	TFWS 2086
Anthem	<i>Alleluia</i>	T. Pasatieri
	Kristen Smith, soloist	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Scripture	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Offering	<i>Thank you for your generous support.</i>	
	<i>Noel Nouvelet</i>	Raymond Haan
	Keilani McConnell, flute	
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† Doxology	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, v. 1</i>	UMH 213
Scripture	Luke 2:22-40	Liturgist
Sermon	"Spread Joy to the World"	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	UMH 251
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Two French Carols</i>	arr. Brant Adams
	Keilani McConnell, flute	

† 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?"

Psalms 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" 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**.



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December 31, 2017
First Sunday after Christmas
“Spread Joy to the World”



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*
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Juanita Cruz, *Custodian*
Angel Holm, *Custodian*
Josh Osterbur, *Custodian*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week — Epiphany Sunday/Holy Communion
“Tough Questions: Does God Exist?”
Isaiah 43:1-5; Matthew 2:1-12

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.