

## 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 Mike Kohler, 11:00 Kelly McBartlett

### 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.

### 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 – Confirmation Class, 8:00 a.m., Youth Wing Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m., Youth Wing

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. Also, join us for Youth Group at 6 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

### 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 – in Youth Wing this week only

**12:00 p.m.:** Exploring First Church – Parlor

### 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** *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* D. Buxtehude

**Welcome**

**Passing the Peace**

**Prelude 8:00** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* arr. D. Wood  
**9:30 & 11:00** *Celebration* Eugene Butler  
Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

**Invocation**

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship**

Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

**9:30 Children's Time**

Barb Grauberger

**Hymn** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Anthem 8:00**

*On My Knees*

Mullen/Ochs

**9:30 & 11:00** *Sometimes I Hear God's Music* arr. Martin  
Sanctuary Choir

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**9:30 & 11:00 Prayer Response**

*We Wait and Hope for the Lord* Dale Wood

**Scripture** Matthew 5:27-30; 19:23-26 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Offering**

*Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021;  
every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.*

**8:00** *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Lucas Bean, piano

**9:30 & 11:00** *Festival Sanctus* arr. Leavitt  
Sanctuary Choir

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

**Scripture** Mark 3:20-30 Liturgist

**Sermon** "Difficult Sayings of Jesus" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
UMH 127

† **Benediction**

**Postlude** *A Song of Jubilant Praise* F. Ritter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come, let's celebrate **Shrove Tuesday** with a pancake supper. Tues., Feb. 13, 5:30–7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All ages welcome. We'll have the Stover Street Stompers, a cake walk and other games for the youngsters and young at heart, as well as **lots** of pancakes and much more. Suggested donation of \$5/ person or \$15/family.

Please pray for our **Visioning Team** as we prayerfully discern where God is leading our congregation in the days ahead. We will be affirming what is best about our church's history as we move into the future. We will assess the most current data on our membership, financial capacity, and spiritual needs. We will learn about our neighbors and discover ways that we might serve them and meet their needs. Thank you for your prayers for this process.

**Thank you, First Church!** With your faithfulness and generosity we **finished 2017 in the black!** We were able to pay all of our budgeted expenses and not incur more debt. With your continued faithfulness and support, we will be able to reach even more people with the love of God in the year ahead. Our **New Day for First Church** Stewardship Campaign set a goal of 50 new pledges, and we received **65 brand new pledges**. If you have not yet submitted a pledge card, please do so soon. We are most grateful for your support.

Join the **Days for Girls** team on Tues., Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon as they assemble the kits to be personally delivered to Kenya by our own Rich Fisher. These kits have a big impact in girls' lives, making it possible for them to attend school without interruptions.

Middle school students may register for the **Anti-bullying Workshop** to be held Feb. 3 & 4. Contact Carol Miller at [camil@frii.org](mailto:camil@frii.org) to be a part of this excellent program.

All women of the church are invited to attend the **United Methodist Women** for our unit meeting on Feb. 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Following lunch the program will be given on the topic of mass incarceration. This is a topic we read about in the news, concerning the increase of incarceration, especially for people of color. There will be an informative video and discussion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Exploring First Church Gatherings - Today

Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, attend the Exploring First Church gatherings today and Feb. 4 at noon. A light lunch will be served followed by a session on the United Methodist Church (today) and the many ministries in which to be involved at First Church (Feb. 4). You will also have a chance to tour the church building. RSVP to [OfficeManager@fcumc.net](mailto:OfficeManager@fcumc.net) or call (970) 482-2436 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance. New members will be received at all three worship services on February 25.

Welcoming and Reconciling Methodists (WARM) presents:

"Continue the Journey" Session #1, Feb. 7, 6:45 p.m.

**Documentary Film, *An Act of Love***—the story of Methodist Minister, Rev. Frank Schaefer who was defrocked for performing the wedding of his gay son and his son's partner. Film is 86 minutes. Please arrive early.

**Putnam Volunteer Needs:** Can you sort papers and stuff students' folders around 2 p.m. on Mondays weekly or help with first grade reading groups on Mondays from 9:40–10:25 a.m.? Clerical work, such as making copies and cutting things out, is also needed. Please contact Janet Krech, [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), (970) 225-0330 if interested.

**Jazz Concert - A Piano and Flute Duet** featuring Karen Stoody and Keilani McConnell will be presented at the next Double Nickel Senior Lunch on Fri., Feb. 9, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4—No reservations required, and *all are welcome*.

### 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.

### 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 Stoody, *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*  
Rev. Scott Grantland, *Wesley Foundation Director*  
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*  
Catherine Pawlikowski, *Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator*  
Sarah Rathbun, *Financial Secretary*  
Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*  
Juanita Cruz, *Custodian*  
Bailey Hanssen, *Custodian*  
Josh Osterbur, *Custodian*  
Max Reyes, *Custodian*  
Kathy Suiste, *Custodian*

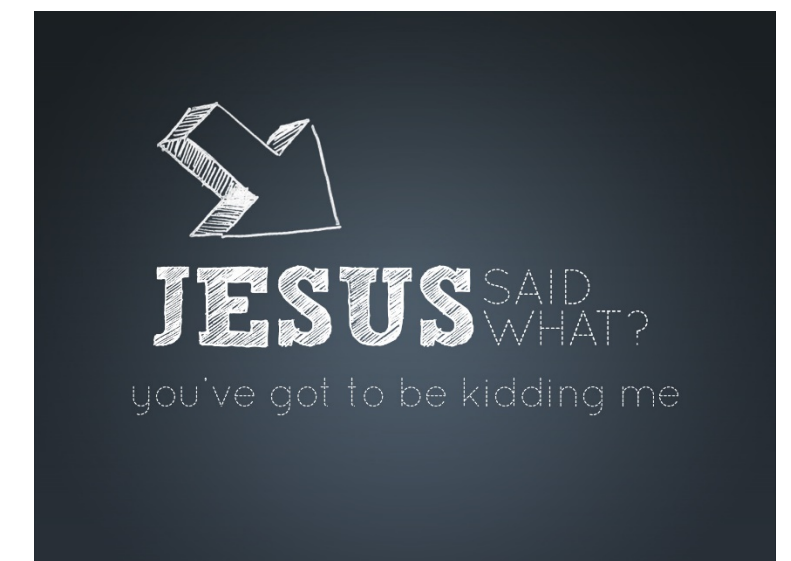
### Coming Next Week — Holy Communion

Tough Questions in Anxious Times:  
Who is Jesus, and why is he called the Christ?  
John 1:1-5, 9-14; Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17  
Music: 8:00 Emily Gehman  
9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir &  
Emily Gehman



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**January 28, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**"Difficult Sayings of Jesus"**



### 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.