

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 Stephanie Lane, 9:30 Deborah Kohler, 11:00 Bill Emslie

Communion Servers 9:30 Kate and Rick Norton, Karen Waldron; 11:00 Ellen Bode, Martha Sherrod, Shan Watkins

Flowers are donated in honor and appreciation of David Adkins and all he does for our church.

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 – Serve Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

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. No youth group this evening due to the Confirmation retreat.

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

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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. D. Bish

Welcome

Prelude *At the Name of Jesus* arr. M. Burkhardt

Invocation Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Jesus Loves Me* UMH 191

9:30 Children's Time Barb Grauberger
Hymn *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Melanie Rosa

Scripture John 1:1-5, 9-14 Dr. Melanie Rosa

Offering

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

8:00 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

Emily Gehman, soloist

9:30 & 11:00 *Come to the Table* E. Lowman

Sanctuary Choir

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

Scripture Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17 Liturgist

Sermon "Who is Jesus, and why is he called the Christ?"
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

8:00 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* arr. P. Keveren

Karen Stoody, piano

9:30 and 11:00 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

Emily Gehman, soloist

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*
UMH 163

† Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Energico* C. Cappelen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia will be offering a class during Lent based upon the book *Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times*. The class will be offered Wednesdays at 2 p.m. starting February 14 and Thursdays at 6 p.m. starting February 22. The books cost \$10, and you may sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Director of Adult Faith Formation David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com. Please join us!

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.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please join us for a brief service of worship and imposition of ashes at noon or 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The season was originally called "the 40 days" but later came to be called Lent from the old English "lengthen," a reference to the lengthening of days in the spring. This service will be a time of contemplation and reflection as we begin this sacred season together.

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.

The **Days for Girls** project has experienced a set-back. All of the kits have been packaged in Ziploc bags for delivery to Kenya, but Kenya has a new law against anyone taking plastic bags into the country. (Violators are subject to stiff fines.) While we work on a packaging solution, we are postponing our work days. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

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.

Coming Soon to Recharge:

- *God's Welcome* is a five-week study that joins the Wednesday night Recharge lineup on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. Rev. Cynthia Paquette is the leader of this exploration of how God is welcoming you and inviting you to welcome others. Books: \$12.
- *This Child of Faith: Raising a Spiritual Child in a Secular World* is the Recharge late-shift offering for 5 weeks at 7 p.m. beginning Feb. 28. The memoir from novelist Sophronia Scott tells the heartfelt story of faith formation in the shadow of the Newtown school shootings. The Wednesday noon book study will also study this book. David Reid leads discussions. Books: \$12.

Supper is served every week through Feb. 21 for a suggested donation of \$6 or \$20 for a family of 4 or more.

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Exploring First Church Gathering - Today

Would you like to learn more about First Church? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, attend the Exploring First Church gathering today at noon, no need to RSVP. A light lunch will be served followed by a session the many First Church ministries in which you may be involved. 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 Elementary needs seven volunteers Tues., Feb. 6, 3:30–5 p.m. to work with individual students in creating experiments, and it is a bonus if you could come each Tuesday at the same time until Mar. 8. Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com, (970) 225-0330.

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*.

Choral scholars Kristen Smith and Pablo Romero present a free concert of operarias and duets, classical art songs, and other special selections on Sun., Feb. 18, at 3:30 p.m. The concert is titled "**Seasons of Love**." Both Kristen and Pablo have master's degrees in vocal performance from CSU. Karen Stoody is their accompanist.

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.

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.

Video of the Week: *Look & See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry*, BLUE RAY FF DUN_2018, is a newly released movie from Robert Redford and Terrence Malick about the beloved author and activist from Kentucky.

Spirituality Book of the Month: A group of readers from eclectic religious backgrounds will meet at 3 p.m. Feb. 18 in the library's study room to discuss *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Both authors are Nobel Peace Prize laureates.

The **Grief Support** group meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you have lost a loved one we invite you to join our meetings. Talking with others can be comforting and helpful when working through the grief journey. For info, email JoAn at jodhop@hotmail.com.

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*
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Juanita Cruz, *Custodian*
Bailey Hanssen, *Custodian*
Josh Osterbur, *Custodian*
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Kathy Suiste, *Custodian*

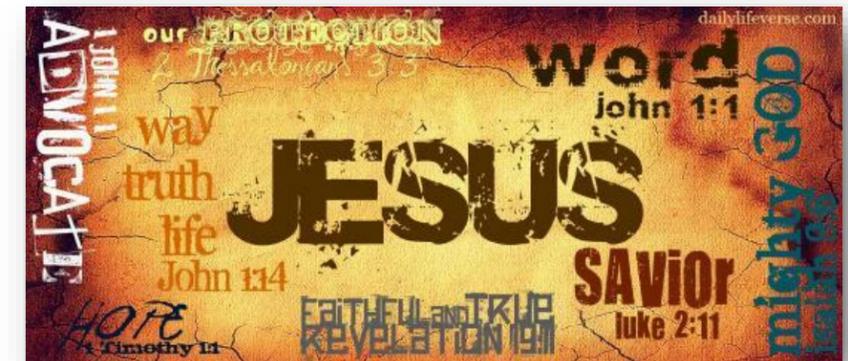
Coming Next Week —
Transfiguration Sunday/Scout Sunday
"One Shining Moment"
Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 9:2-9
Music: 8:00 Keilani McConnell, flute
9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir &
Carillon Handbell Choir

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February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

"Who is Jesus,
and why is he called the Christ?"



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.