

## 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 Mike Kohler, 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell

### 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 – Confirmation Class, 8:00 a.m., Village Commons

#### Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m., Prayer Room (Upstairs)

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 Parlor.

### Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us.

**8:00 a.m.:** Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Wesley 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

**8:00** *I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger/I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
arr. J. Nelson

**9:30 & 11:00** *Chaconne in D minor* J. Pachelbel

### Welcome

**Prelude** *Our God We Worship Now* H. Colvin

**Invocation** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

### 8:00 & 9:30 Reception of New Members

**9:30 Children's Time** Barb Grauberger  
**Hymn** *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

**Anthem** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Isaac Lowder  
Anthony Weber, soloist

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Scripture** Acts 9:1-20 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### Offering

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every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.*

**8:00** *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* arr. Burleigh  
Anthony Weber, soloist

**9:30 & 11:00** *Renew Us* David Lantz, III  
Sanctuary Choir

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

**Scripture** 2 Corinthians 11:22-27 Liturgist

**Sermon** "Changed by Christ: Paul" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Hope of the World* UMH 178

### † Benediction

**Postlude** *Toccata in C minor* J. Pachelbel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lent Sermon Series: "Transformed: Encounters with the Divine"

- Mar. 4—"Changed by Christ: Mary Magdalene" Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40-41
- Mar. 11—"Changed by Christ: The Nobodies" John 5:1-11; John 8:1-11
- Mar. 18—"Changed by Christ: Judas" Psalm 51:1-10; Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50; 27:3-5
- Mar. 25—Palm/Passion Sunday "Changed by Christ: Pilate" Mark 11:1-11; Mark 15:1-15
- April 1—Easter "Forever Changed by Christ" John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43

**Book Sale Ends Today:** The used book and puzzle sale to benefit the Northern Colorado Faith Library concludes at 12:30 today. Unless specially marked, pay only what the books and puzzles are worth to you.

**Our Marcussen Organ Story,** with video of our organ in action, will be presented by Bill Emslie and Alyce Kaehler at Double Nickel Senior Lunch on Fri., Mar. 9, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4—no reservations required, and *all are welcome*.

**UMCOR Sunday:** On Sun., Mar. 4, there will be a special offering, UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), which underwrites the administration and operational costs of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) so that 100% of designated funds go to the intended projects in the U.S. and around the world. Together, we do more.

**Exploring Raimon Panikkar:** Catholic theologian Raimon Panikkar will be the subject of a presentation by Michael Abdo, former abbot of St. Benedict's Abbey and Jim Reid, longtime religious educator and therapist, at 6:30 March 6 at First Church. Panikkar promoted religious dialog and an integration of Eastern and Western thought.

**Theology on Tap:** Join us for open and honest conversation about things that matter. The format is simple—something to eat and/or drink, conversation, and God. Tues., Mar. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ram Room of Old Chicago in Old Town, 147 S. College Ave. Questions? Contact Kate Norton [fif67@live.com](mailto:fif67@live.com), (970) 482-2863 or Martha Conant [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com), (970) 227-5659.

**Communications from First Church:** Please visit our website at [www.fcfumc.net](http://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.

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### Recharge Resumes

- **UMCOR this week only:** Rev. Kaitlin Elmore presents “Beyond Flood Buckets and Health Kits,” a program about her trip to Texas to remove mud, sheetrock, and belongings from flooded homes after Hurricane Harvey at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in Village Commons.
- **This Child of Faith: Raising a Spiritual Child in a Secular World** begins Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Wesley Commons. David Reid facilitates discussion of the story of faith formation in the shadow of the Newtown school shootings. Also held at **noon Wednesdays**. Books: \$12.
- It's not too late to join **God's Welcome**, which runs 6 – 7 p.m. Wednesdays through March 21. Rev. Cynthia Paquette leads this fun, interactive class. Books: \$12.

Supper is available from 5 to 6 p.m. Childcare is available from 5:45 to 8 p.m. through this Recharge season.

**Combatants for Peace:** First Church hosts this interfaith discussion **today** in Fellowship Hall with a former Israeli soldier and a Palestinian freedom fighter. Beautiful peace songs and refreshments at 1; presentation at 1:45. Full information at Adult Faith Formation table.

Mark your calendar—The **First Church Revue** will be held March 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to enjoy a complimentary warm-from-the-oven dinner and a lively show full of comedy and entertainment. We'll celebrate our success of 2017 and look ahead to an even brighter 2018. **The First Church Revue – don't miss it!**

**Flowers** may be ordered to adorn the Sanctuary for Easter at \$15 each. Orders will be accepted today through Mar. 4. This year, a colorful variety of locally grown tulips and daffodils will enhance our worship. Flower dedications will be listed in the April issue of *The Carillon*, which will arrive in mailboxes and inboxes the last week of March. Order forms are available at the East and South entrances and at the Church Office.

**Continue the Journey** series presented by Welcoming and Reconciling Methodists (WARM) meets 6:45 p.m. Wed., Feb. 28 for a Q & A session on the film *An Act of Love* and the United Methodist Church Commission on a Way Forward.

### 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 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*  
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 —

#### Third Sunday in Lent/Holy Communion

“Changed by Christ: Mary Magdalene”

Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40-41

Music: 8:00 Carla Hager, violin

9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir; Carla Hager, violin

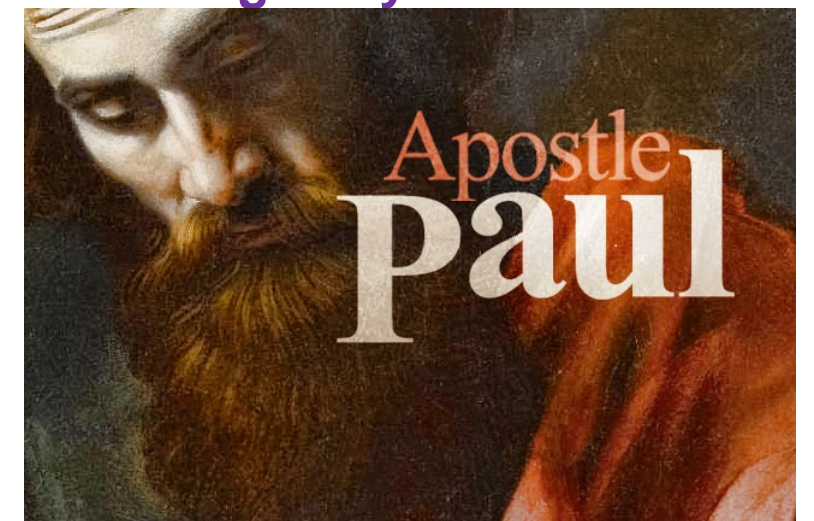


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**February 25, 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

### “Changed by Christ: Paul”



### 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.

## OUR NEW MEMBERS



Rachel and Rob Adams



Sarah and Sam Caston



Heidi Habbinga

Welcome Home!