

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

The Vision of First Church is to be an inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God’s presence today.

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 seek forgiveness and offer a place of respite and welcome.

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!

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—9:45 A.M.

Please sign your children in at the Children’s Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children join their parents/guardians for worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children’s Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children grades K-5 meet outside the Sanctuary. The teachers will escort elementary children to their classrooms.

Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location following the service.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP: If you are a teen, we have something for YOU! Youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to participate in our Sunday Morning Youth Group that happens at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Join our Youth Director and leaders in the Youth basement for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth that are fun and relevant to students!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS—Please join us.

- 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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are able		
Gathering Music	Processional in E-flat	David Johnson
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Mark Lee
Prelude	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	Pamela Decker
*Call to Worship		9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
*Hymn of Praise	Lord You Give the Great Commission	UMH #584
Chorus (9:30)	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Victoria Burkett
Anthem	America the Beautiful Andrew Hudson, handbell soloist	arr. Arnold Sherman

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ways to give to First Church:

1. Give online at <https://fcfumc.net/> or on the First UMC App (Click on Give).
2. Text to give 1 800 364 GIVE (4483) (Text Message FirstChurch).
3. Automatic draft through online giving.
4. Check or cash
(Every loose \$1 bill goes to those in need).

Offertory	Grazioso Andrew Hudson, handbell soloist	arr. Arnold Sherman
*Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
Scripture	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
Sermon	“Good News for New Places”	Rev. Dr. Mark Lee
*Hymn of Dedication	Here I Am, Lord	UMH #593
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Mark Lee
Postlude	Fanfare for a New Day	J. Wayne Kerr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST CHURCH IN JULY

by Dana Sampson, Chair/Staff Parish Relations Committee
First Church will not miss a beat in July although Rev. Brad is on renewal leave. Rev. Cynthia will work with our committed and dedicated staff and lay leaders to get every aspect of ministry covered this July. The preaching schedule for July is set. Rev. Cynthia will be attending meetings she normally attends and those the Lead Pastor attends; she will provide pastoral care when needed. Ministry teams are serving at full capacity and church leaders are leading with gusto.

Although David Adkins is taking accrued vacation time during the month of July, the music for Sunday worship throughout the month is planned and in place. Both musicians from within our congregation as well as guest musicians will continue to provide wonderful music for all of our worship services.

First Church will not miss a beat this July. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me, Dana Sampson (danalsampson@gmail.com) or Rev. Cynthia (c.paquette@fcfumc.net).



This July, while Rev. Brad is on renewal leave, Rev. Cynthia will be joined by several guest preachers, Lonnie Eakle, Bob Firebaugh, and Mark Lee to bring uplifting and meaningful worship to all. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on July 10 instead of July 3. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Baptism on July 10. Below are the scriptures and sermon titles.

DATE	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE
July 10	Luke 10: 25-37	Our Neighborhood Has Changed!
July 17	Luke 10:38-42	Looking Beyond the Weeds
July 24	Luke 11:1-13	Life as Prayer
July 31	Acts 2:42-47	Refocus

PLEASE NOTE

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in honor of Independence Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Caroline Barkoskie, Sara Gerhardt, Dale and Martha Conant,
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Charissa Dull

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

MISSIONS



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please help fight hunger in our area by planting extra in your garden and bringing the vegetables to church on Sunday. We will get it to the Food Bank. Last year we donated over 1,200 pounds of vegetables and fruits. Let's beat that this year!

MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION • AUGUST 5-10

Join us on August 5-10 for an educational and cultural mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation. We will meet friends new and old, attend a powwow, visit historic and educational sites and learn how we as a congregation can help take steps toward reconciliation. For more information, contact Theresa Holbrook (970-219-5960) or Elaine Karnes (972-225-6720).



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY • SAT. JULY 9

9:30—11:30 IN THE PARLOR

Knitters, crocheters and new learners are all welcome.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

CAN WE GET A CONVOY?

First Church people who want to support our church's effort to start a community organizing group in Northern Colorado are urged to be present when Coloradans for the Common Good issues an invitation to form a new affiliate. The meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. on July 13 at Regis University in Denver. For details, contact David Reid at (970) 581-2707 (phone or text) or davidreid24@gmail.com.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

Rev. Brad Laurvick, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Cynthia Paquette, *Executive Pastor*

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*
Dr. Joel Bacon, *Organist/Artist in Residence*
Brenna Martin, *Children's Choir Coordinator*
Abigale Gilson, *Children's Choir Director*
Karen Stooddy, *Organist Emeritus*

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*
Victoria Burkett, *Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Rev. Dr. Mark Lee, *Director of Adult Faith, Discipleship and Northern Colorado Faith Library*
David Reid, *Community Builder*
Laurie Elliott, *Childcare Coordinator*
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*
Ali Gessler, *Director of Pre-School*
Gail Farnum, *Director of Parent's Day Out*

Administrative and Facilities Staff

Jim Doser, *Worship Technology Lead*
Nathan Abrahamson, *Worship Technology Assistant*
Shelley Nelson, *Administrative & Communications Assistant*
Shauna Bjork, *Accountant*
Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*
Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator*
Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*
Howard Miller, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week: July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"Our Neighborhood Has Changed"

Luke 10:25-37



1005 Stover Street • Fort Collins, CO 80524
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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022



Good News for New Places
Rev. Dr. Mark Lee

You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!