

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 rise as you are able.

Gathering Music	<i>Prelude in D Major, BWV 532</i>	J. S. Bach
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word, BWV 731</i>	J. S. Bach
*Call to Worship		9:30 Bill Emslie 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
Hymn of Praise	<i>We Utter Our Cry (vs. 1,2,& 6)</i>	UMH #439
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
The Sacrament of Baptism		Isaac Emilio & Olivia Adelina Madrid
Children's Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Someday Is Today</i> Sanctuary Choir	André Thomas
Offering Our Gifts to God		Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at fcumc.net or on the First UMC App .
2. Check or cash.
3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory	<i>Our Love Can Mend a Broken World</i> First Church Singers	Tom Trenney
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	1 Corinthians 12:4-7; John 17:20-23	9:30 Bill Emslie 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
Sermon	"Better Together"	Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i>	UMH #557
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton
Postlude	<i>Fugue in D Major, BWV 532</i>	J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS

faith
family
hospitality



MISSION AT HOME

We will be hosting families experiencing homelessness for a week beginning Sept 25th. We have several different areas where you could serve: Overnight hosting from 6:00 (dinner) or 8:00pm until 7:00am; Evening host from 5:30-7:30pm; Cooks from 4:30-7:30pm; Cleanup 6:30-9:00am Sunday, Oct 2nd; or laundry pickup on Oct 2nd.

It is fun and enriching to work with the families and share God's love. Contact Bonny Thomas (831) 402-7402 for more information or sign up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

WE NEED YOU!

We still have room for more ringers in the Alleluia Handbell Choir which meets each Thursday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. No previous is necessary and no audition is required.

If you would like more information please contact David Adkins at choirdir@fcumc.net. If you are ready to join simply come to our next rehearsal!!

SANCTUARY CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED AND WELCOME!

We still have plenty of room for more Sanctuary Choir members. The Sanctuary choir meets each Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the choir room and there is no audition to join. This choir sings at the morning worship services on Sundays, but leaves after the Doxology at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Although all voice parts are welcome, we have an ongoing need for both basses and tenors. If you are willing to share your musical talents with First Church, please join us!

FIRST CHURCH CONNECTION CARD

(Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR scan appropriate QR codes below)

Date _____ Service Time 9:30 11:00 Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Email _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ I am a First Time Guest Returning Guest Regular Attender
 Please let me know about volunteer opportunities Please contact me about membership
 Please add me to the "First Wire" weekly email list
 Prayer Requests _____

Regular Attender 
 First Time Guest 

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Dana Sampson, Dave Rubenthaler, Don Silar
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Susan Leinhart

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Cole

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Rob and Helen Gray, in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

FAITH FORMATION



Join Mark Lee for a 7-week exploration of key touchstones of Christian faithing. Using a DVD series featuring short introductions by well-known writers and leaders such as Brian McLaren, Lauren Winner, Nadia Boltz-Weber and others, we will look at faith journeying, spirituality, Jesus, the Cross, Salvation, the Bible and the Church. The course is designed for discussion, right-brained exploration of these topics, and open-ended conclusions. Student journals and sign ups will be available on the Formation table during fellowship hour. The class will run seven Wednesday evenings starting September 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the Village Commons.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT • OCTOBER 1, 2022 • 9:00 - 3:30

All women are invited to a Fall Retreat at Tamasag Retreat Center (just outside of Laporte), to immerse yourself in the topic of belonging. Leslie Verner, author of *Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness* will facilitate a panel discussion. Sign up from September 4 through 30. There's time to mingle with others as well as time alone for personal reflection. **Dress casually!** Carpooling will be offered from Cache La Poudre Elementary School. \$20 includes morning refreshments and lunch.



NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Sign Up to Get Your Picture Taken

Dates for picture taking: **OCTOBER 25-29 • Venue: PARLOR**

Sign up for your picture to be taken for the new church pictorial directory. This is also the time to take your picture with your family for holiday greeting cards and gifts. The directory will not be complete without your picture!

Have a smartphone/ipad? Scan the QR code below to sign up.

Sign up online on your computer using this link:

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=64462&step=2>

(A live link to sign up will be in First Wire on Tuesday.)

No internet access? Stop by the Fellowship Hall between services to sign up. Time slots are limited for paper sign-ups.



OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

Rev. Bradley 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 Stody, *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*

Sauna 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*

Coming Next Week: September 25, 2022

"Big Questions: In Search of Purpose. . ."

Isaiah 43:1-7



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September 18, 2022

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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!