

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	Trust and Obey	arr. Cranfill
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Prelude	What a Friend	arr. Gage
Choral Call to Worship	Great Day	arr. Moore
*Call to Worship		9:30 Bill Emslie 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	Come, Thou Almighty King	UMH #61
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		
Anthem	How Great Thou Art	arr. Dan Forrest
	Sanctuary Choir	
Scripture	Romans 13:10-12	
Sermon	“What Are You Looking For? I’ll Be Right Back”	
Offering Our Gifts to God		
Giving to God through First Church: 1. Give online at fcfumc.net or on the First UMC App . 2. Check or cash. 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.		
Offertory	Land of Rest	George Shearing
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	God Is Here	UMH #660
*Benediction		
Postlude	Allegro vivace from Concerto in A	Antonio Vivaldi, arr. J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



This month, we’ve been encouraged to consider ways to be “in community” with each other. The Discipleship Team is asking you to consider being a “sojourner” this year – it’s a delightful way to connect with people. A sojourner’s role is to support a new member as they get involved in the life of the church. We have guide-lines for you and support is given by team members. We currently and urgently need four new sojourners. Care to join us? If yes, please contact Lisa Fenton Free, 970-985-5533 or Pam Raab, 970-222-8343.



First Church Camp
July 7th-9th

Join us at Buckhorn Camp (only 45 minutes away) for a church-wide mountain weekend experience. All are welcome! There are a variety of ways that you can stay the weekend as a community, including tent camping, staying in your own camper or in lodging provided by Buckhorn Camp. Mark this event on your calendar. You won’t want to miss it. Stay tuned for more information.

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 _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

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 Rick Norton, Mark Yergler, Dana Sampson
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Shan Watkins

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Robert Kiser

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Sandra Stille.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

FAITH FORMATION

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ashes are placed upon the forehead of those who desire to know themselves better on their journey to connect with the divine, confessing the old by fire so that the new may rise from the ashes.

Receive ashes and a prayer - Drive-thru 7:30-8:30am on Stover
Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00pm in the sanctuary

Lenten Groups!

- ◆ Explore the *Gospel of Mark*, which will serve as the basis for each week's worship and sermon. We will meet on Monday evenings starting Feb 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, and run for six weeks.
- ◆ Lean into *The Disciples Path* for six Wednesdays starting March 1. Choose between groups at 1:00 - 2:30 or 6:30 - 8:00. The evening group coincides with the children's Lenten Journey program, so parents are encouraged to attend. Books are available on the Formation table during Fellowship time and are FREE.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF DEBT...months, years or decades before you may have?? Millions of folks have and you can too!! Join us for classes based on Financial Peace University's/Dave Ramsey's program.

CLASSES FROM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15 to WEDNESDAY APRIL 19 FROM 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM. Child care available. Classes held at Fort Collins First United Methodist Church and you don't have to be church member. So, invite your friends, children, grandchildren and neighbors (true church community). Register at <https://www.fpu.com/1159845> or contact Don Silar at dfsilar@aol.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper and Fundraiser



Enjoy pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and help send our youth on summer missions!

COST:

Donations Accepted

WHERE:

Fellowship Hall

WHEN:

Tuesday, Feb 21
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- *Mardi Gras crafts and games - so bring the kids*
- *Sponsored by our youth & open to the entire church*

FAITH FORMATION

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Journey for Kids

Starting February 22nd

(Ash Wednesday)

the **Lenten Journey**

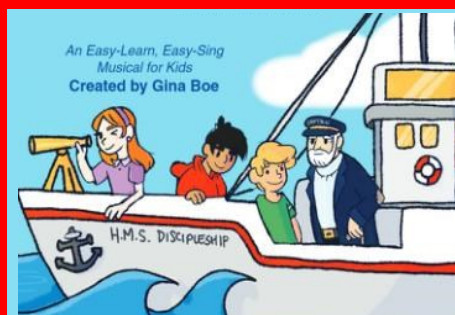
for Kids (K-5), will begin.

This is a fun, interactive class to teach our First Kids about the Lenten season.

We will meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks (there will be no class on March 15th - the week of Spring break.

GET ON BOARD

THE H.M.S.DISCIPLESIP



Join our Children's Choir as they prepare their spring musical
DISCIPLESIP ADVENTURE
A Musical for Kids
Created by Gina Boe
May 3, 6:30 p.m.

Our children's choirs meet each week from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and all kids preschool through 5th grade are welcome.

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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What Are You Looking For?

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

February 12, 2023

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!