

## 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 Martha Conant, 9:30 Mike Kohler, 11:00 Bill Emslie

### 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.

### 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 – Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Wing

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 Youth Wing.

### 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

### 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

*Variations on "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* Thewes

### Welcome

### Passing the Peace

**Prelude** *We Gather Together* arr. Dale Wood

**Invocation** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *We Gather Together* UMH 131

**Children's Time** Barb Grauberger

**Hymn** *O How I Love Jesus (chorus)* UMH 170

**9:30** Dedication of Christmas boxes

**11:00 Baptism** Theodore Frederick Ross

**Anthem 8:00** *Minuet* Mozart, arr. Heifetz

Carla Hager, violin

**9:30 & 11:00** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir and brass

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

**9:30 & 11:00 Prayer Response** *Blessed Are the Pure in Heart*

Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture** Deuteronomy 8:11-18 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Offering** *Thank you for your generous support.*

**8:00** *Summertime* Gershwin

Carla Hager, violin

**9:30 & 11:00** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dobrinski

Carillon Handbell Choir

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

**Scripture** Psalm 76:1-9 Liturgist

**Sermon** "I Want to Be Like That" Dr. Melanie Rosa

### Dedication of Commitments for 2018

*(Please come forward and place your card in the wooden church)*

**9:30 & 11:00** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Mallory

Carillon Handbell Choir

† **Hymn of Dedication** *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH 383

### † Benediction

**Postlude 8:00** Charlene Loomis, piano

**9:30 & 11:00** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Pethel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Operation Christmas Child** Today, we dedicate our boxes and pray for the children receiving your amazing gifts of love. If you still have a shoebox to turn in, it's not too late. Please call Lori Ailor at (970) 556-4729 to turn it in this week.

**First Church's Covenant Missionary Visiting Next Sunday:** Please greet Mozart Adevu between services in Fellowship Hall on Nov. 26. He is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Africa regional coordinator for the Sustainable Agriculture and Development Program for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). He is based in Accra, Ghana, West Africa.

**Advent Workshop:** On Sun., Dec. 3, from 1–3:30 p.m., the Children and Family Council is hosting Advent Workshop, a family-friendly, festive, fun-filled event. Please sign up to help by stopping by our table in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Contact Jayme Harper with questions at [jaymeandcory@gmail.com](mailto:jaymeandcory@gmail.com).

**Holiday Schedule:** Please note that our office and building will be closed on the following dates in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's: Nov. 23-25, Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2.

**Bulletin Announcements** for the Nov. 26 bulletin are due Mon., Nov. 20 by noon. Also, please note that our Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 bulletins will not contain announcements.

**Mother's Day Out** is looking for a teacher's aide to work Tues. and Thurs. from 8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Degree not required. For more info, call Gail Farnum at (970) 443-5255.

**Columbarium News:** Due to increased engraving costs, the price of a Columbarium niche will increase effective Jan. 1, 2018. A one-person niche will increase from \$700 to \$900. A two-person niche will increase from \$900 to \$1,200. (A basic urn is included in the cost for each.) If you're considering buying a niche, please contact a Columbarium board member.

Update or add your contact information in the **New Church Directory** at the East or South Entrance or by contacting the church office. Deadline for inclusion is Nov. 26.

**Grief Group** will meet every Tuesday at 5 p.m. The holidays are sometimes very difficult, and this group offers support for those who have lost a loved one.

**The Sunshine Singers Christmas Concert** will be presented at the next Double Nickel Senior Lunch on Fri., Dec. 8, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4 - no reservations required and *all are welcome*.

Stop by the Mission Corner today to pick up a sponsor packet to buy **Christmas gifts for a child from a Putnam family**. You can take on this project as an individual or team, since it will cost \$50-100 to buy "something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to the family of **Theodore Frederick Ross**, baptized today. God bless you!

**Thank you** to Ken Miller and David Adkins for creating the beautiful wooden church that we are using for our A New Day for First Church commitment cards.

Our annual **Charge Conference** will be held Mon., Dec. 4 at First United Methodist Church of Loveland. It will be a cluster Charge Conference with several other churches in the area. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with the Cluster Charge Conference starting at 7. All members and friends of our church are invited to attend.

**UMW Christmas Wreaths:** Just a reminder that your wreaths will be coming in after Thanksgiving. Plan to pick up your wreaths in Fellowship Hall beginning at 12 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 27 through Wed. Nov. 29. Thank you.

**Book of the Week:** *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, 361.2 BAR. A modern-day civil rights champion tells the stirring story of how he helped start a movement to bridge America's racial divide.

**Advent in 10 Minutes:** Receive a link to a short video each week during Advent and comment on a discussion blog. Sign up with email address in Fellowship Hall or at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

**Online Book Study:** Join First Church's first online book study, *Names for the Messiah*, a small but powerful book by Walter Brueggemann. Sign up to purchase the book for \$11 or buy it on your own. No class sessions; just respond to study questions on a blog once a week during Advent. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

**Order 2018 Disciplines:** The *Upper Room Disciplines* is a popular daily devotional book that can be ordered at the Adult Faith Formation table. Writers for the new year include Amy Oden, Lynne M. Baab, Willie James Jennings and Stephen B. Chapman. Cost: \$11 for standard print or \$12 for large print.

**Hanging of the Greens:** Join us next Sunday as we prepare the church for Advent. We'll share a potluck meal at noon followed by decorating.

**Mission to Hope Community Walk** is Sat., Dec. 2, 8–11 a.m. For more information, come to Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

**Las Posadas** sponsored by Mujeres de Colores will be Dec. 16. You may donate toys and diapers to bless the children.

Come experience and learn about the songs of chant in four wisdom traditions: Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Islamic at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart St. Presented by **World Wisdoms Project**.

### 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*  
**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*  
**Henry Reyna**, *Facilities Manager*  
**Sarah Rathbun**, *Financial Secretary*  
**Juanita Cruz**, *Custodian*  
**Angel Holm**, *Custodian*  
**Josh Osterbur**, *Custodian*  
**Max Reyes**, *Custodian*

### Coming Next Week — Christ the King Sunday

"Recognizing the Shepherd in the Sheep"

Matthew 25:31-46; Psalm 100

Music: 8:00 Julia Kirkwood;

9:30 & 11:00 Katie Benedict, handbell solo;

Julia Kirkwood, Sanctuary Choir

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November 19, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"I Want To Be Like That"



**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.