

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 Pat Jungmeyer, 9:30 Kate Norton, 11:00 Joan Carter

Flowers are donated by Bill Slimak in memory Meribeth Slimak on what would have been their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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. Youth are invited to stay after the 11:00 a.m. service to help decorate the church for Christmas. No Youth Group this evening.

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 "Jesus Shall Reign"* D. Cherwien

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Prelude 8:00 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. D. Bish
9:30 & 11:00 *Hope Medley* arr. Anderson/Page
Katie Benedict, handbell solo

Invocation

Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Call to Worship**

Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* UMH 715

Children's Time Barb Grauberger
Hymn *O How I Love Jesus (chorus)* UMH 170
9:30 Baptism Patrick John Hanna

Anthem *Hallelujah* Cohen
Julia Kirkwood, soloist

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Dr. Melanie Rosa

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

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 Dr. Melanie Rosa

Missionary Moment Mozart Adevu

Offering *Thank you for your generous support.*
8:00 *Amazing Grace*
Julia Kirkwood, soloist

9:30 & 11:00 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* arr. Fettke
Sanctuary Choir

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

Scripture Psalm 100 Liturgist

Sermon "Recognizing the Shepherd in the Sheep"
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata on "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to all who made a financial commitment to our A New Day for First Church stewardship campaign. Your support of our shared mission is most gratifying. If you have not yet made a commitment, please do so soon so that we can carefully budget for ministry in 2018. (Cards are available at the Welcome Desk and in the pew racks.) God Bless you!

Many thanks to the **A New Day for First Church** team that worked so hard on our campaign this year. Co-Chairs Stephen Zink and Stephanie Lane, Mike Kohler, David Adkins, Pam Raab, Yvonne Knight, and Marjie Woodring.

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."

First Church's Covenant Missionary Visiting Today: Please greet Mozart Adevu between services in Fellowship Hall. 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.

Join or support our **Christmas Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**, South Dakota Wed., Dec. 13-Sat., Dec. 16. More info in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

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 today.

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*.

You may order **Christmas Poinsettias** in honor of or in memory of a loved one through Dec. 10. The poinsettias will brighten our Sanctuary on Dec. 17 and 24. Proceeds benefit Senior Council. Order forms are available at the east and south entrances and at the Church Office.

On Dec. 2, the **Intercultural Community Builders** are sponsoring a night of Cultural Entertainment and a Silent Auction. The proceeds will be used to provide Anti-Bullying workshop for students at no cost. Donations may be made at the box in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact jodhop@hotmail.com.

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.

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Congratulations to the family of **Patrick John Hanna**, baptized today. God bless you!

First Church's chartered Boy Scout Troop 83 is hosting its annual **Christmas tree sale**, their main fundraiser, which supports all Scout activities, including summer camp. The tree lot, located at Drake Centre near Starbucks, opens Fri., Nov. 24 from 12–5 p.m. and continues Fridays 5–8:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.–7 p.m. through Dec. 17.

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.

Columbarium News: Effective Jan. 1, 2018, prices for a niche in our Columbarium will increase due to rising engraving costs. If you have been contemplating buying a niche, please contact one of our Columbarium board members.

UMW Christmas Wreaths are coming in. Please pick up your wreaths and greenery in Fellowship Hall during the following times **only**:
Mon., Nov. 27, 12–6 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 28, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 29, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
If you did not place an advance order, we will have some extra greenery items available to purchase during these times.

Book of the Week: *Sustainable Agriculture: A Christian Ethic of Gratitude* by Mark Graham, 241.64963 GRA. Ethicist Mark Graham joins the vibrant, substantive discussion about the moral issues in American agriculture.

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.

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.

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.

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

Las Posadas is a traditional celebration commemorating Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. This event for low-income children is sponsored by Mujeres de Colores on Dec. 16. You may donate unwrapped toys and diapers to bless the children who participate. Please bring items to Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

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*

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Angel Holm, *Custodian*
Josh Osterbur, *Custodian*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week — First Sunday of Advent

"Welcome Home for Christmas: Interruptions"

Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7

Music: 8:00 Anthony Weber;

9:30 & 11:00 Children's Choirs, Children's Chimes,
Sanctuary Choir, and Andrew Hudson, handbells

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November 26, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

"Recognizing the Shepherd in the Sheep"



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.