

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 Bill Emslie, Kate Norton

Communion Servers Nancy and Fran Lefler, Pam Raab

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.

First Kids' Club – 9:45 a.m.

First Kids' Club is offered on the first Sunday of each month for K-5th graders during the 9:30 a.m. service. Join us for an all-in-one service just for kids, led by Barb Grauberger and some of our amazing youth. Meet us in the Narthex after Children's Time, and we'll head to the Cinema Center for great music, fun skits, short engaging videos, Bible learning, and lots of worship. We will bring children back to their parents and guardians in the Sanctuary so families can participate in Communion together.

For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.

Youth – The first Sunday of every month is **Serve Sunday**. Look for students serving our church family in many different ways during the 9:30 a.m. service. No youth Sunday School. Any students not serving may worship with their families.

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	<i>Aria</i>	Paul Manz
Welcome		Passing the Peace
Prelude	<i>English Carol</i>	Wilbur Held
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>The First Noel, v. 1, 3, 5</i>	UMH 245
9:30 Children's Time		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	TFWS 2086
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1-5	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offering	<i>Thank you for your generous support.</i>	
8:00	<i>The Bells</i>	Jean Ferry Rebel
	Nancy McConnell and Calvin McConnell	
9:30 & 11:00	<i>The Work of Christmas</i>	arr. Forrest
	Sanctuary Choir	
† Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	Liturgist
Sermon	"Does God Exist?"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Communion Hymn	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together (v. 1)</i>	UMH 618
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Music	<i>Adoration</i>	Felix Borowski
	Nancy McConnell and Calvin McConnell	
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>We Three Kings</i>	UMH 254
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Toccata in 7</i>	John Rutter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recharge is the new name for a new season of faith formation opportunities and other activities for people of all ages on Wednesday nights. These new small groups for adults will be offered at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning Jan. 17:

- *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity*, an 8-week parenting class taught by Rebecca Dunagan, for parents of children from infants through teens. Free childcare will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. Books are \$12.
- *Messy Spirituality: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People*, a 5-week study inspired by the book of the same title from Mike Yaconelli. Rev. Cynthia Paquette is the facilitator. Books are \$9.
- *Mindfulness and Contemplative Prayer*, a 4-week study and practice of mindful meditation and contemplative prayer led by Rev. Linda Battello. No book required.
- A single class will be offered at 7 p.m.— *Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong to: Spirituality without Stereotypes, Religion without Ranting* by Lillian Daniel. David Reid will facilitate. The same class will be offered at noon Wednesdays. Books are \$10.

Days for Girls will meet Tues., Feb. 13, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. to assemble kits that Rich Fisher will take to Meru, Africa. They have completed 76 kits so far and have materials to put together about 76 more. For more information, please email jodhop@hotmail.com

First Church has recently hosted two youth workshops open to all youth in our community—one on anti-bullying on one on inclusiveness. Please encourage your youth to save the dates of Feb. 3 & 4 for our next **Anti-bullying Workshop**. For more information, please email jodhop@hotmail.com.

Faith Family Hospitality: Join our "at home mission" as we welcome four families experiencing homelessness next week (Sun., Jan. 14–Sun., Jan. 21). We expect to be hosting 21 people—5 parents & their 16 children! We need dinner cooks, evening hosts, overnight hosts, Saturday pancake breakfast cooks, and set-up/take-down assistants on both Sundays. Job descriptions and sign-up white board are in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

Next Sun. Jan. 14 is **Human Relations Day**, and there will be a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through community development, community advocacy in the U. S. and Puerto Rico, and work with at-risk youth. More info in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

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All are Welcome at the Communion Table!

In the United Methodist Church, all people are invited to participate in communion. There is no question of who is worthy, who is holy, who is prepared, for all need the love, forgiveness, and healing that God provides through this sacrament. Christ invites **ALL** to this table, that we might grow in grace, mercy, and love.

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.

Book of the Week: *Gift and Task: A Year of Daily Readings and Reflections* by Walter Brueggemann, 242.3 BRU. This is a year of readings guided by the Common Lectionary.

Communications from First Church: Please visit our website at www.fcfumc.net to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter as well as our weekly E-News. (Click Media/Communications to sign up.) You may also click the link called "In Our Prayers" to receive updates on recent deaths.

Please note:

- Articles for the February *Carillon* are due by midnight, Jan. 8.
- Our office and building will be closed on Mon., Jan. 15 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Coming Next Week — Second Sunday after Epiphany

Tough Questions in Anxious Times:

What Happens When We Die?

1 Corinthians 15:35-44; John 14:1-4

Music:

8:00 Janet Krech, Dawn Rohrbacker, Ken Nicolai, Mario Sosa

9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir

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*
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January 7, 2017
Epiphany

“Does God Exist?”



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.