

## 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 Karen Waldron, 9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell, 11:00 John Allum

### Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagery 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

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Grand Chorus Dialogue</i>	E. Gigout
<b>Welcome</b>		<b>Passing the Peace</b>
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prayer</i>	R. Vierne
<b>Invocation</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>† Call to Worship</b>		Liturgist
<b>† Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise</i>	TFWS 2216
<b>9:30 Children's Time</b>		Barb Grauberger
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>9:30 &amp; 11:00 Prayer Response</b>	<i>We Wait and Hope for the Lord</i>	Dale Wood
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 23	Unison
<b>Anthem 8:00</b>	<i>He Will Carry You</i>	Scott Wesley Brown
	Josh Colonnieves, soloist	
<b>9:30 &amp; 11:00</b>	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
	Sanctuary Choir; Charlene Loomis, piano; Karen Stoodly, organ	
<b>Offering</b>		
	<i>Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021; every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.</i>	
	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	arr. Moses Hogan
	Josh Colonnieves, soloist	
<b>† Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
<b>Scripture</b>	Romans 8:31-39	Liturgist
<b>Sermon</b>	"Why Do People Suffer?"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>† Hymn of Dedication</b>	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	UMH 529
<b>† Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Toccata in G Major</i>	Th. DuBois

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sermon Series: "Tough Questions in Anxious Times"

January 21—"Why Do People Suffer?"

Psalm 23; Romans 8:31-39

January 28—"Difficult Sayings of Jesus"

Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21

February 4—"Who is Jesus, and why is he called the Christ?"

John 1:1-5, 9-14; Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17

There's still time to sign up for any of the four **Recharge classes** on Wednesday nights. At 6 p.m., *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity* with Rebecca Dunagan; *Messy Spirituality* with Rev. Cynthia Paquette; and *Mindfulness and Contemplative Prayer* with Rev. Linda Battello. At 7 p.m., *Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong to* with David Reid. Dinner is served from 5 to 6 p.m. Details at AFF table.

**Thank you, First Church!** With your faithfulness and generosity we **finished 2017 in the black!** We were able to pay all of our budgeted expenses and not incur more debt. With your continued faithfulness and support, we will be able to reach even more people with the love of God in the year ahead. Our **New Day for First Church** Stewardship Campaign resulted in 268 pledges, which is an increase of 31 pledges over 2017 final pledges, and 53 of those were brand new pledges. If you have not yet submitted a pledge card, please do so soon. We are most grateful for your support

Please pray for our **Visioning Team** as we prayerfully discern where God is leading our congregation in the days ahead. We will be affirming what is best about our church's history as we move into the future. We will assess the most current data on our current membership, financial capacity, and spiritual needs. We will learn about our neighbors and discover ways that we might serve them and meet their needs. Thank you for your prayers for this process.

**Book of the Week:** *Mother of God: Similar to Fire* by William Hart McNichols and Mirabai Starr. McNichols is a Catholic priest and iconographer and son of the late Denver mayor William H. McNichols.

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### Exploring First Church Gatherings

Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, attend the Exploring First Church gatherings on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 at noon. A light lunch will be served followed by a session on the United Methodist Church (28<sup>th</sup>) and the many ministries in which to be involved at First Church (4<sup>th</sup>). You will also have a chance to tour the church building. RSVP to [OfficeManager@fcfumc.net](mailto:OfficeManager@fcfumc.net) or call (970) 482-2436 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance. New members will be received at all three worship services on February 25.

**Grief Group** meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. Come join this support group that understands the difficult times following the loss of a loved one. All discussions are confidential, and members share their experiences and support others through the grief journey. For more info contact JoAn at [jodhop@hotmail.com](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com).

**Communications from First Church:** Please visit our website at [www.fcfumc.net](http://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.

**Jazz Concert - A Piano and Flute Duet** featuring Karen Stoodly and Keilani McConnell will be presented at the next Double Nickel Senior Lunch on Friday, February 9, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4—no reservations required and *all are welcome*.

Welcoming and Reconciling Methodists (WARM) presents: "Continue the Journey" Session #1, Feb. 7, 6:45 p.m.

**Documentary Film, *An Act of Love***—the story of Methodist Minister, Rev. Frank Schaefer who was defrocked for performing the wedding of his gay son and his son's partner. Film is 86 minutes. Please arrive early.

### 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.

### 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 Stoodly**, *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*  
**Scott Grantland**, *Wesley Foundation Director*  
**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*  
**Bailey Hanssen**, *Custodian*  
**Josh Osterbur**, *Custodian*  
**Max Reyes**, *Custodian*  
**Kathy Suiste**, *Custodian*

### Coming Next Week —

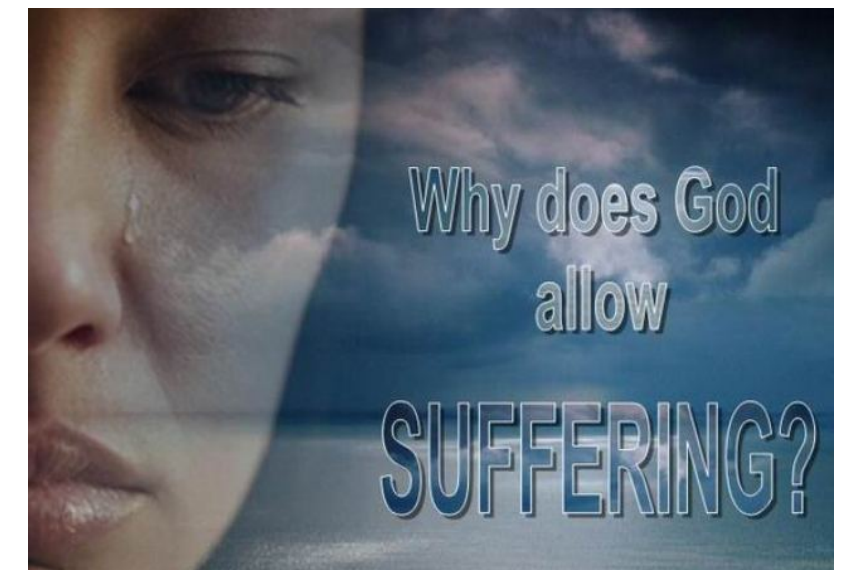
Tough Questions in Anxious Times:  
Difficult Sayings of Jesus  
Psalm 111; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21  
Music: 8:00 Megan Bean  
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Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

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**January 21, 2018**  
**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**"Why Do People Suffer?"**



**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.