

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

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.

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 Joan Carter, 9:30 Bill Emslie, 11:00 Rae Batch, 5:00 Finn Dunagan

Flowers are given by Rev. Dr. Bob and Julie Firebaugh in honor of Krystal Masters' 35th birthday.

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Paggers are available upon request. Preschool and elementary-age children are invited to Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service and are welcome in worship services or childcare during the 8 and 11 a.m. services.

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 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-4 meet their shepherds outside the Narthex. The shepherds will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Grades 5 & 6 will meet in the Youth Basement for donut fellowship and Sunday School at 9:30. Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location 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.

Weekly Youth Ministry-- Meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. in the youth wing for students in grades 6-12th. Dinner is provided and friends are welcome. **Small Group Bible Study-** Meets every Tuesday night from 7:45-9pm at Mugs Coffee Shop on College for students in grades 9-12. Friends are welcome.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music
(8:00) *Toccata in E minor* Pachelbel
(9:30 & 11:00) *Six Short Preludes and Postludes* C.V. Stanford

Welcome Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prelude
(8:00) *Simple Gifts* arr. John Barr
(9:30 & 11:00) *Ten Trios* Op. 49, No. 1

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *We've a Story to Tell the Nations* UMH 569
verses 1, 2, and 4

Children's Time (9:30)

Hymn *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Anthem (9:30 & 11:00) *Look At the World* John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offertory *Where'er You Walk* G. F. Handel
Pablo Romero, soloist

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every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.*

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

Scripture John 18:33-37 Liturgist
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Sermon "The Measure of Life: "Who You Follow" Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* TFWS 2184

† **Benediction**

Postlude
(8:00) *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Flor Peeters
(9:30 & 11:00) *Praeludium No. 6* BWV 558

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

THEOLOGY ON TAP will meet on **Tuesday, December 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at Kate and Rick Norton's home at **199 Camino Real, Fort Collins**. Join us for our special holiday celebration and bring your favorite sweet or savory snack to share. We look forward to having you join us— if you know for sure you'll be there, let one of us know so we have some idea of how many to plan for. Questions: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com

DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON Join us in the Spirit of Christmas! We will enjoy a musical program with the Sunshine Singers, great fellowship, and the best lunch in town. All for \$4! Fellowship Hall at **noon on Dec. 14**. Reservations are not necessary.

ADVENT STUDY We will focus on Joseph by looking into his life and his role in the birth and life of Jesus. The text is *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. Come on **Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at noon-1:00 OR 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Sign up for a book and this class at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays or e-mail Rev. Cynthia Paquette at c.paquette@fcfumc.net

BOOK OF THE WEEK: *Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind* by Mark A. Noll, 232.8 NOL, is the sequel to Noll's superb *Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*. This is a Christological philosophy of Christian education for the 21st century.

CAN YOU HELP OFF-LOAD CHRISTMAS WREATHS FROM THE TRUCK?

Please report for duty in Fellowship Hall tomorrow (Monday) morning at 8:30 a.m. Allow about half an hour. Work gloves and non-slip shoes are advised. Refreshments provided! Thank you in an advance for your help!

PLAN TO PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS in Fellowship Hall beginning at **noon on Monday, November 26 through Wednesday, November 28**. Monday from noon to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you forgot to place an advance order, there will be some extra greenery items available to purchase at these times. Thank you!

MISSIONS

MISSION TO HOPE COMMUNITY WALK 2018 is Dec. 8, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The .8 of a mile walk begins at the Catholic Charities Mission and ends with an Open House at the Murphy Center for Hope. Come to Mission Center in Fellowship Hall for more information.

THE MUJERES DE COLORAS helps families that are unable to provide gifts for their children for the celebration of Posada. **Dec. 22** we will have the opportunity to help these families at the street facility located just off Lemay across from the Legacy Church, 600 9th St., Fort Collins. Items needed are coats (of all sizes), fun blankets, toys, teen jewelry and makeup, stuffed animals and games. For more information please contact JoAn Hopkins at jodhop@hotmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

THE GRIEF GROUP is meeting on **Nov. 27** in the Conference Room from **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Members of the group will share this difficult journey with you with tips for coping at the holidays. Questions: JoAn Hopkins at jodhop@hotmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US

ADVENT WORKSHOP Crafts, Food, Music, and Carriage Rides! December 2, 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Christmas and winter-themed crafts will be set up throughout Fellowship Hall. Pizza and other foods will be available in the Parlor. Cost: Just bring a dozen cookies! Questions: contact Jayme Harper at jaymeandcory@gmail.com or Laurie Elliott at elliott1@msn.com (Donations are appreciated.)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. We will meet in the south parking lot and join in visiting our home bound, nursing home and assisted living members to share the Christmas Spirit with song singing traditional carols. We will return at 4:30 to enjoy hot chocolate and s'mores provided by FCFUMC Cub and Boy Scouts.

DECEMBER SERMON SERIES: "SURPRISED BY CHRISTMAS"

December 2—First Sunday of Advent/Communion,
"Surprised by Christmas: Mary"; Luke 1:26-38

December 9—Second Sunday of Advent
"Surprised by Christmas: Joseph"; Matthew 1:18-24

December 16—Third Sunday of Advent / Music Sunday
No 8:00 Service
9:30 and 11:00, The Messiah; 5:00, Joy

December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent
"Surprised by Christmas: The Shepherds"; Luke 2:8-20
No 5:00 Modern Service

December 24—Christmas Eve 2:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Worship
"Surprised by Christmas"; Luke 2:1-20

December 30—First Sunday after Christmas
"Surprised by Jesus"; Matthew 5:1-12
No 5:00 Modern Service

SAVE THE DATE

December 16 – Messiah 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Joy – A Modern Gospel Musical 5:00 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 2,5, 7, and 11 p.m.

CONNECT WITH US! If you would like to receive our weekly church email or our monthly newsletter by email please sign up by going to our website at www.fcfumc.net, click Media/Communications and sign up for the newsletter or weekly e-news.

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
Elizabeth Ogg, Interim Organist
Joseph Noëlliste, Modern Worship Leader
Josh Colonnieves, Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)
Brenna Martin, Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)

Program Staff

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URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595

Coming Next Week: December 2
First Sunday of Advent / Communion

"Surprised by Christmas: Mary"
Luke 1:26-38

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Sanctuary Choir

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November 25, 2018

Last Sunday of Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday

"The Measure of Life: Who You Follow"



We are delighted to have you with us today.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 in the Chapel, 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary, 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall followed by dinner

Faith Formation opportunities are listed on the next page.

Food and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall just south of the Sanctuary.

May you be blessed because you joined us today!