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 Susie Land, 9:30 Mike Kohler, 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell, 5:00 Kate Grauberger

Flowers are given by Mary Lou Blevins in loving memory of Ted Blevins.

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagers are available upon request. Preschool and elementary-aged 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 5th & 6th 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 6:30-8pm 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 9-12th. 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) We Gather Together arr. Dale Wood (9:30 & 11:00) Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Dale Wood

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude (8:00) We Gather Together Raymond Haan (9:30 &11:00) Prelude W. Harris

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† Call to Worship Liturgist

† Hymn of Praise Come Ye Thankful People Come UMH 694

Children's Time (9:30)

Hymn He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Anthem (9:30 & 11:00) Now Thank We All Our God arr. Walter Ehret Sanctuary Choir / Brass Quartet

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Psalm 113:1-4 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

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Moving Forward in Faith

Offertory

(8:00) Offertory John Ness Beck

First Singers

(9:30 & 11:00) Offertory John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir

Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021; every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.

† Doxology Praise God. from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95

Scripture Mark 10:35-37; 41-45 Liturgist

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Sermon "The Measure of Life: "Who You Serve" Dr. Melanie Rosa

Dedication of Commitments for 2019

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

Come Ye Thankful People Come arr. Joel Raney David Adkins, piano / Elizabeth Ogg, organ

† Hymn of Dedication What Gift Can We Bring UMH 87

† Benediction

Postlude (8:00) Trumpet Minuet Raymond Haan (9:30 & 11:00) Cathedral Fanfare G. Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

HAGEN LECTURE EVENTS The lecture by Dr. Amy Oden entitled "Radical Hospitality in a Time of Fear" is set for tomorrow evening at **7 p.m. Nov. 19** in our Fellowship Hall and will be followed by a book signing.

2019 DISCIPLINES The daily devotional book from Upper Room Ministries is available at the Adult Faith Formation table for \$11 or \$13.50 for large print.

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, flf67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com

DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON schedule is **Dec. 14**, Sunshine Singers Christmas program. The best lunch in town, \$4. No reservations are necessary. Fellowship Hall, 12 noon.

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: Rhythm & Fire: Experiencing the Holy in Community and Solitude, 248 HAA, was edited by Jerry P. Haas and Cynthia Langston Kirk. Some 54 contributors, including many well-known United Methodists, explore the spiritual journey in brief, impactful writings.

YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE ON THEIR WAY! Just a reminder that your wreaths will be in after Thanksgiving. Plan to pick them up in Fellowship Hall beginning at noon on Monday, November 26th through Wednesday, November 28th. Thank you!

MISSIONS

BUCKHORN CAMP 2019 SUMMER CAMP schedules are available in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall. For information please contact Diana Burkholder at <a href="https://documer.com/dcburkholder@hotmail.com/

A BULLYING WORKSHOP will be held December 27th at 8:30-4:30, 28th at 8:30-4:30, and 29th at 8:30-2 in our Fellowship Hall. This is a leadership skills workshop to help high school students cope with bullying. Registration forms are with the poster in the east hall. For information call Carol Miller at 970-689-0226 or email 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

JOIN US TODAY

Today is **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**. During worship we have the opportunity to offer our estimate of giving to the work of God through our church for the coming year. This campaign will fund our operating budget which includes all ministry programming such as children, youth, music, congregational care, personnel, facility, and missional giving. You may also complete an Estimate of Giving form on the homepage of our website: fcfumc.net. As we Move Forward in Faith into our 150th year of serving this community, we are grateful for your generous support and confidence in our shared ministry.

HAGEN LECTURE EVENTS We are delighted to welcome Dr. Amy Oden to our church today. She is professor of early church history and spirituality at St. Paul School of Theology and the author of several books. As a preview of the Hagan Lecture she will offer tomorrow evening, she will speak to the Open Hearts class TODAY at 11 a.m. in Village Commons. The lecture by Dr. Oden is entitled "Radical Hospitality in a Time of Fear".

SPIRITUALITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: A group of people from many faiths will discuss Diana Butler Bass's Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks TODAY at 3 p.m. Nov 18 in Northern Colorado Faith Library. All are welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are due today. Thank you for your participation! If you still have a box to donate please call Lori Ailor at 970-556-

DECEMBER SERMON SERIES: "SURPRISED BY CHRISTMAS"

December 2—First Sunday of Advent/Communion, "Surprised by Christmas: Mary"

December 9—Second Sunday of Advent "Surprised by Christmas: Joseph"

December 16—Third Sunday of Advent/Music Sunday 9:30 and 11:00—The Messiah; 5:00---Joy

December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Surprised by Christmas: The Shepherds"

December 24—Christmas Eve 2:00, 5:00, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship "Surprised by Christmas"

December 30—First Sunday after Christmas "Surprised by Jesus"

SAVE THE DATE

November 25 – Christ the King Sunday **December 2** – Advent Workshop **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.

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URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595

Coming Next Week: November 25 Last Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King Sunday

"The Measure of Life: Who You Follow" John 18:33-37

> MUSIC **Sanctuary Choir**



November 18, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost **Commitment Sunday** "The Measure of Life: Who You Serve"



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 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!