

## 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 Karen Waldron, 9:30 Jaden Putman, 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell, 5:00 Grace Maher

Advent Candle Lighters: Bill and Judith Rice, Dean & Susan Block, John and Charlotte Allum

**Communion Servers** 9:30 Kate Norton, Bonny Thomas, Karen Waldron; 11:00 Ellen Bode, Martha Sherrod

**Flowers** are given by Lisa Novack in memory of Rob Novack and Joe and Julie Ann Key.

#### 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

#### First Kids' Club – 9:45 a.m.

First Kids' Club is offered on the first Sunday of each month for K-6 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. 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.*

**Weekly Youth Ministry** -- Meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. in the youth wing for students in grades 6-12. 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

<b>Gathering Music</b> (8:00) (9:30 & 11:00)	<i>Veni</i> <i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	arr. Ellsasser arr. McChesney
	Carillon Handbell Choir	
<b>Welcome</b>		Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Advent Candle Lighting</b>		
<b>Invocation</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† <b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	UMH 196
<b>Children's Time (9:30)</b> <b>Hymn</b>	<i>O Come Little Children, verse 1</i>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>Scripture</b>	Isaiah 11:1-3; 5-6 page 847	Liturgist
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Giver of Joy</i> Sanctuary Choir Kristen Smith, soloist	Brower
	<i>Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021; every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.</i>	
† <b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 1:26-38 page 1243	Liturgist
<b>Sermon</b>	“Surprised by Christmas: Mary”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>	<i>Everyone is welcome to receive communion in our church.</i> <i>Joy to the World / Glory to God</i> <i>Glory to God</i> Carillon Handbell Choir	arr. Wagner
† <b>Hymn of Dedication</b>	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i>	UMH 198
† <b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b> (8:00) (9:30 & 11:00)	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> <i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>	arr. Gordon Young arr. Wilbur Held

## 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. Questions: Kate Norton, [ff67@live.com](mailto:ff67@live.com) or Martha Conant, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com)

**ADVENT STUDY** It's not too late to join Rev. Cynthia for *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton. Class sessions noon-1 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Dec. 5, 12, 19**. Sign up today at Adult Faith Formation table and get a book for \$16.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS KNIT-IN Saturday Dec. 8, Parlor 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Our Timnath Presbyterian Prayer Shawl Ministry friends will join us for our traditional Christmas gathering. Bring your needles, yarn and good cheer as we celebrate this season and friendship.

**THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH GROUP** will meet in the private dining room of the Marriott Hotel on Horsetooth at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday Dec. 13**. For information please contact Judy at [JudySayreGrim@gmail.com](mailto:JudySayreGrim@gmail.com)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. The Soaptones will entertain us, refreshments will be served and we will install our new officers for the coming year! Contact Beverly Winsett for more information, [bevwins1124@gmail.com](mailto:bevwins1124@gmail.com)

**BOOK OF THE WEEK** *Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different: True Tales of Amazing Boys Who Changed the World Without Killing Dragons*, YR 920.71, written by Ben Brooks, illustrated by Quinton Winter. Real stories about 100 men who were rule-breakers and innovators.

**MEET MATTHEW** The Adventures in Faith Men's Group begins a study of Matthew at 8 a.m., Sundays in Village Commons. New members of all ages are always welcome. Contact Nick Rohrbacker at [nrohrback@gmail.com](mailto:nrohrback@gmail.com).

**JUST 3 MORE PEOPLE** We are close to launching a new small group. Meeting times and places to be decided by the group. To be included contact David Reid at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) or visit the Adult Faith Formation table.

### MISSIONS

**THE MUJERES DE COLORES** 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com)

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**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.

**GRIEF GROUP** will meet on **Dec. 11 at 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. Let us help and support you in your journey of loss during this holiday season. For information please contact JoAn Hopkins at [jodhop@hotmail.com](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com)

## MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

We have received 178 estimate of giving cards for a total amount of \$555,814. Our anticipated budget for 2019 is \$1.1 million. Several of you increased your commitment for 2019, thank you! If you have not returned an estimate of giving card, **please do so soon** so that we can plan realistically for staffing, programming, and outreach for the coming year. You can pick up a card at the church or we are happy to mail you one. Thank you for generously supporting First Church as we move forward into our 150<sup>th</sup> year.

**4 WAYS TO GIVE AT FIRST CHURCH** We are excited to announce an important update to make giving at First Church more convenient for you! Your generosity is what supports the ministry and mission of First Church; to inspire hope, grow in faith, and serve with joy! Our new giving platforms now include mobile and online opportunities. Please see the giving card in the pews for more information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Pawlikowski, Financial Secretary, at [financialsecretary@fcfumc.net](mailto:financialsecretary@fcfumc.net) or (970)0 482-2436 ext. 133.

## PLEASE JOIN US TODAY

**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](mailto:jaymeandcory@gmail.com) or Laurie Elliott at [elliott1@msn.com](mailto:elliott1@msn.com) (Donations are appreciated.)

**OUR FIRST CHURCH YOUTH** are hosting their monthly **BAKE SALE TODAY!** All the proceeds will be used in support of the summer mission trips. Thank you in advance for your support!

## DECEMBER SERMON SERIES: "SURPRISED BY CHRISTMAS"

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

**December 16**—Third Sunday of Advent  
**No 8:00 Service**  
9:30 and 11:00, Messiah; 5:00 Modern Service

**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.  
**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](http://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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**Rebecca Dunagan**, *Youth and Family Minister*  
**Rev. Scott Grantland**, *Wesley Foundation Director*  
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**Liza Judd-Salimbeni**, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*  
**Laura Lechtenberg**, *Director of Preschool*  
**Gail Farnum**, *Director of Parent's Day Out*

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**URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595**

**Coming Next Week: December 9**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**"Surprised by Christmas: Joseph"**  
**Matthew 1:18-24**

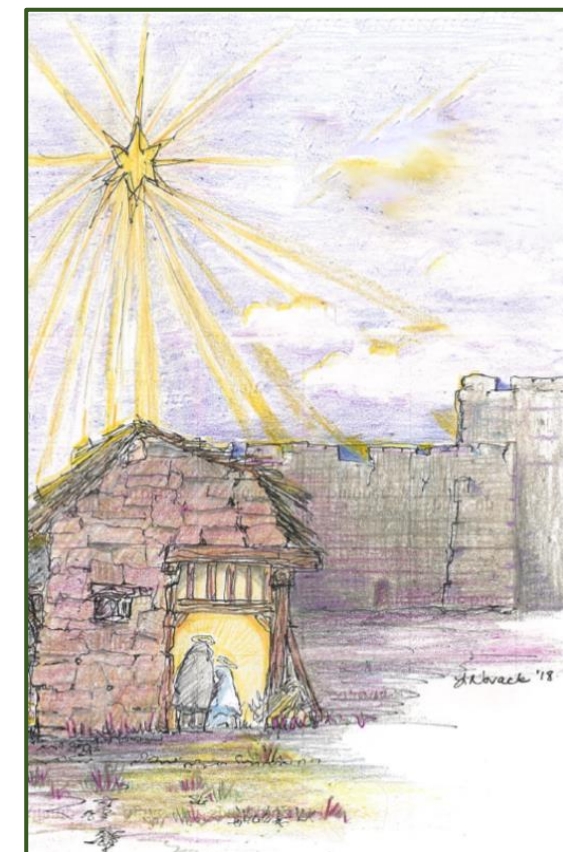
**MUSIC**  
**Sanctuary Choir**  
**Church Orchestra**



**December 2, 2018**

**First Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday**

**"Surprised by Christmas: Mary"**



**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!