

## 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 Pam Raab, 9:30 Jack Rogers, 11:00 Jerry Wiese, 5:00 Maggie Grauberger

Advent Candle Lighters: 8:00 Mark and Catherine Orr, 9:30 Rich and Pam Raab, 11:00 Forrest and Kay Walters, 5:00 Mike and Karen Contos

**Flowers** are given anonymously.

### Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagery 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 6-12. Dinner is provided and friends are welcome. **Small Group Bible Study**- Meets every Tuesday night from 7:45-9pm at the Wild Boar 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) *God Rest You Merry* arr. Wilbur Held  
*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Gordon Young  
(9:30 & 11:00) *The Newborn King* arr. David Winkler  
Church Orchestra

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

### Advent Candle Lighting

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211

### Children's Time (9:30)

Hymn *O Come Little Children, verse 1*

Anthem (9:30 & 11:00) *Waiting* arr. J. Raney  
Sanctuary Choir  
Emily Gehman, soloist

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-6 Liturgist  
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### Offertory

(8:00) *Waiting* J. Raney  
*Emily Gehman, soloist*  
(9:30 & 11:00) *Go Tell It On The Mountain* arr. Winkler  
Church Orchestra

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

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

Scripture Matthew 1:18-24 Liturgist  
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Sermon "Surprised by Christmas: Joseph" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† Hymn of Dedication *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* TFWS 2099

### † Benediction

### Postlude

(8:00) *Postlude* arr. William Stickles  
(9:30 & 11:00) *Lullay, Bye, Bye, Lullay* arr. Gilbert Martin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

**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** *What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality* by L. Roger Owens, 248.4 OWE. Join the author in rediscovering the seven "givens" of Christian spirituality—Gospels, Psalms, silence, church, Eucharist, our bodies, and the poor.

**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).

### 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)

**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.

The Columbarium Committee would like to again acknowledge the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Columbarium courtesy of Howard and Claudia Spear. This annual donation of the Spear's time, talent and materials is greatly appreciated.

**DECEMBER SERMON SERIES: "SURPRISED BY CHRISTMAS"**

**December 16**—Third Sunday of Advent  
**No 8:00 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**

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH  
PRESENTED SUNDAY DECEMBER 16**

Handel's *Messiah* will be presented by our Sanctuary Choir accompanied by members of the Fort Collins Symphony with soloists from the Dayton Opera, the Vancouver Opera, and voice professors from CSU. Two of our soloists sang *Messiah* last week with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra to sold out crowds. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this timeless masterpiece of the season which will be presented at both 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service.

**MODERN LESSONS AND CAROLS  
5:00 SUNDAY DECEMBER 16**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a festive service with modern Christmas music and Scripture. This service is followed by dinner, all are welcome!

**MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH**

We have received 197 estimate of giving cards for a total amount of \$607,284. 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@fcfmc.net](mailto:financialsecretary@fcfmc.net) or (970)0 482-2436 ext. 133.

**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**

Barb Grauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*  
Rebecca Dunagan, *Youth and Family Minister*  
Rev. Scott Grantland, *Wesley Foundation Director*  
David Reid, *Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library*  
Laurie Elliott, *Childcare Coordinator*  
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*  
Laura Lechtenberg, *Director of Preschool*  
Gail Farnum, *Director of Parent's Day Out*

**Administrative and Facilities Staff**

Scott Schroeder, *Business Manager*  
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Paula Beeken, *Office Manager*  
Jim Doser, *Worship Technology Lead*  
Catherine Pawlikowski, *Membership & Financial Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator*  
Juanita Cruz, *Custodian*  
Josh Osterbur, *Custodian*  
Max Reyes, *Custodian*  
Kathy Suiste, *Custodian*  
Gabe Betzner, *Custodian*

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

**Coming Next Week: December 16  
Third Sunday of Advent  
NO 8:00 Service**

**MUSIC Sunday  
9:30 and 11:00  
Handel's Messiah**

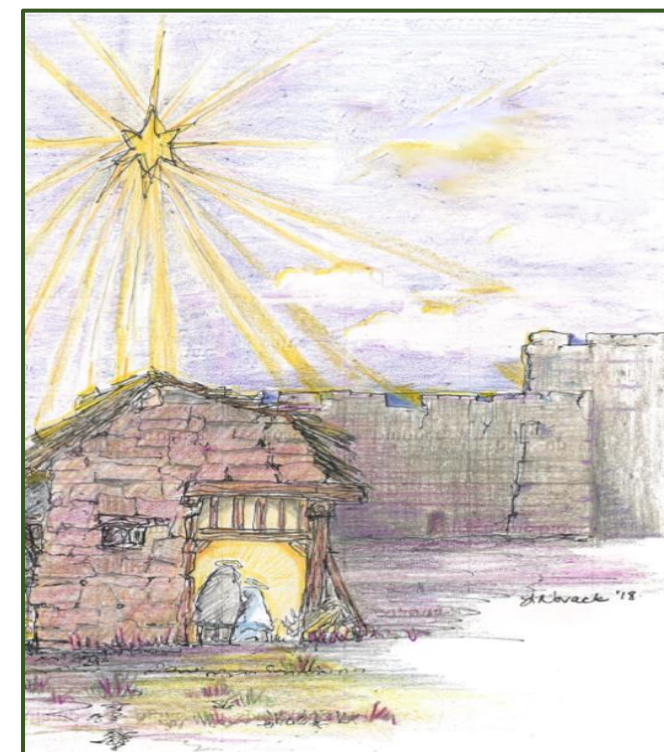
**5:00 Modern Worship  
Modern Lessons and Carols**



**December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**"Surprised by Christmas: Joseph"**



**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!