

## 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!

### Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagers 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 – Youth is on Christmas break, activities will resume Jan. 6, 2019.** (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** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Smith/Hustad  
Elizabeth Ogg/Organ, David Adkins/Piano

**Welcome and Prayer** Dr. Melanie Rosa  
**Hymn of Praise** *The First Noel* UMH #245  
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

*Children may leave for Sunday school during the last verse of the hymn.*

## Handel's Messiah

*A Sacred Oratorio*

Part 1 and Hallelujah Chorus

*Presented to the Glory of God,  
and in loving memory of Eileen Gaymon*

David A. Adkins, *Conductor*

Elizabeth Ogg, *Organ/Rehearsal Accompanist*

Catherine Laub, *Soprano*

Elizabeth Frey, *Alto*

Brian Skoog, *Tenor*

Thomas Erick Angerhofer, *Bass*

No. 1	Sinfonia (Overture)		
No. 2	Recit.	<i>Comfort ye my people</i>	Tenor
No. 3	Air	<i>Every valley</i>	Tenor
No. 4	Chorus	<i>And the glory of the Lord</i>	
No. 5	Recit.	<i>Thus saith the Lord</i>	Bass
No. 6	Air	<i>But who may abide</i>	Alto
No. 7	Chorus	<i>And He shall purify</i>	
No. 8	Recit.	<i>Behold, a virgin shall conceive</i>	Alto
No. 9	Air and Chorus	<i>O thou that tellest good tidings</i>	Alto and Chorus
No. 10	Recit.	<i>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth</i>	Bass
No. 11	Air	<i>The people that walked in darkness</i>	Bass
No. 12	Chorus	<i>For unto us a child is born</i>	

### Offertory Pastoral Symphony (No. 13)

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

No. 14 (a)	Recit.	<i>There were shepherds</i>	Soprano
(b)	Recit.	<i>And, lo, the angel of the Lord</i>	Soprano
No. 15	Recit.	<i>And the angel said unto them</i>	Soprano
No. 17	Chorus	<i>Glory to God</i>	
No. 18	Air	<i>Rejoice greatly</i>	Soprano
No. 19	Recit.	<i>Then shall the eyes of the blind</i>	Alto
No. 20	Air	<i>He shall feed His flock</i>	Alto & Soprano
No. 44	Chorus	<i>Hallelujah</i>	

**Benediction**  
**Postlude**

Dr. Melanie Rosa

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**2019 IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR OUR CHURCH.** It will be our 150<sup>th</sup> year of serving this community. The church was officially established in 1869 and was the very first church in Fort Collins. We have some wonderful events planned all year, including giving back to our community. Please join us in 2019 as we celebrate 150 years and look toward the next 150.

### 150 YEARS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Beautiful Christmas ornaments with the First Church 150<sup>th</sup> Logo are for sale in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. They are \$20 each and make a memorable keepsake of our 150<sup>th</sup> year serving our community.



**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.

### FAITH FORMATION

**BOOK OF THE WEEK** *When God Gave Us Words* by Sandy Sasso; illustrated by Darcy Day Zoells, E FIC SAS, is a delightful children's story that highlights the power and usage of language. (Now is a great time to visit the Northern Colorado Faith Library to stock up on kids books for the holidays.)

**CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS** Start the new year right by enrolling in a course on Christian mindfulness with Martha Conant facilitating. The class will use Amy Oden's *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness* and will be held at **7 p.m. Wednesdays Jan. 23-Feb. 20.** Books can be ordered for \$12.

**A BIGGER TABLE:** Author John Pavlovitz says no one likes to eat alone and be told there isn't room for you. Yet that's exactly what the church has been saying to far too many people for far too long. *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic and Hopeful Spiritual Community* will be offered at **noon and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays Jan. 23-Feb. 20.** Copies of the book are available for \$12.

**DEVELOPING AN EXIT STRATEGY:** Rev. Linda J. Battello will help people plan for a medical disability or death in a **half-day class on Jan. 24.** People of all ages need to be prepared, she noted. The class is free but advance registration is required. Suggested reading: *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Contact [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com), call 581-2707 or sign up at the AFF table.

**ROAD TRIP: BOULDER:** Adult Faith Formation is organizing a trip to hear Otis Moss III deliver the MacKenzie Lecture at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Boulder at **7 p.m. Jan. 25.** Moss is the senior pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. His ministry of black theology calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice and economic inequality. If there's interest and space, we also will attend the Jan. 26 workshop, which requires a \$25 registration fee. Info: [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).



This Christmas Eve over 2000 people will walk through our doors for one of our four Christmas Eve Services. Our musicians, staff and volunteers are working very hard to make this night special and sacred. Some visitors will be here for the first time ever, while some will be coming back after a long absence. Some will come with new babies and several generations of family, others will come alone, their first Christmas after losing a loved one. It is so important that we offer radical hospitality to all who come searching for hope and peace this Christmas. Therefore, if you are physically able, please park your car as far from the building as you can, so that newcomers and the disabled can have the best spaces. **If you can help with Greeting, Ushering, Candle Lighting, etc. please contact Cindi Ross-Bell at [falcor@frii.com](mailto:falcor@frii.com)** We want First Church to be the friendliest and most welcoming place possible on this Holy night. Thank you!

### MODERN LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us in Fellowship Hall **tonight** at **5:00** for a festive service with modern Christmas music and Scripture. This service is followed by dinner and all are welcome!

### MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

We have received 210 estimate of giving cards for a total amount of \$646,182. 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.

**FOUR 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.

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

**December 23**—Fourth Sunday of Advent, "Surprised by Christmas: The Shepherds"; Luke 2:8-20 **No 5:00 Modern Service**  
**December 24**—**Christmas Eve Worship** 2:00 (Children's Service), 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 (Holy Communion).  
**December 30**—First Sunday after Christmas "Surprised by Jesus"; Matthew 5:1-12 **No 5:00 Modern Service**

### 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**  
**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**  
**Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager**  
**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 23  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 "Surprised By Christmas: The Shepherds"  
 Luke 2:8-20  
 NO 5:00 Modern Service

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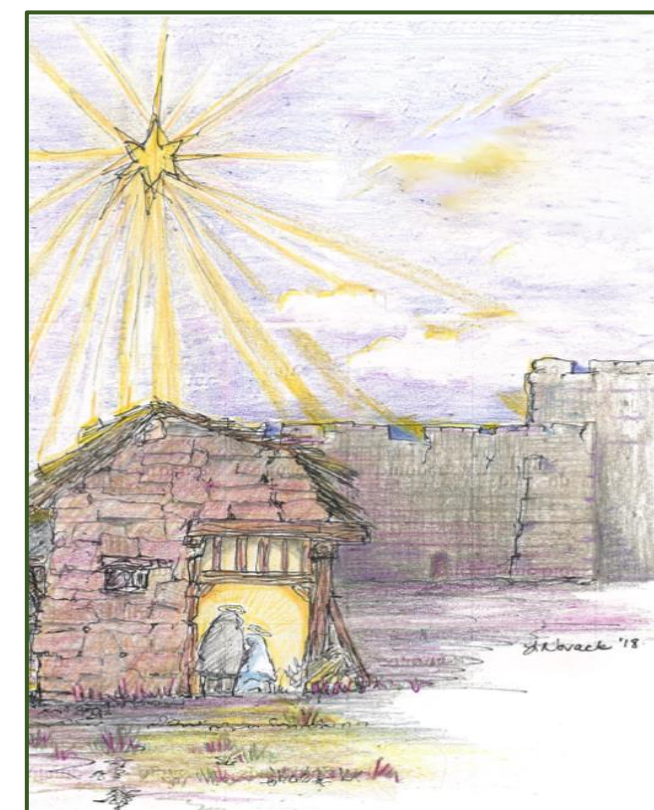
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**December 16, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Handel's Messiah (Part 1)**



**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!