

## 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 Kate Norton, 9:30 Martha Conant, 11:00 Bill Emslie

**Flowers** are given by Jim and Susan Kutrubes in honor of our family and in celebration of the Christmas Season.

### 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 – 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

(8:00) *What Child is This* arr. Mark Hayes  
(9:30 and 11:00) *The First Noel* arr. Smith, Hustad

### Welcome

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### Advent Candle Lighting

(8:00) Bonny Thomas  
(9:30) Troy Gerhardt, Lisa Cole and Family  
(11:00) Dennis and Ellen Bode

### Invocation

Dr. Melanie Rosa

† Hymn of Praise *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

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

Hymn *O Come Little Children, verse 1*

### Baptism (9:30)

Aurora Rae Masters

### Anthem (9:30 and 11:00)

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* arr. Courtney  
Sanctuary Choir, Keilani McConnell/ Flute

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Melanie Rosa

### Scripture

Psalms 85:10-11  
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### Offertory (8:00)

*Jesu Bambino* Pietro Yon  
Keilani McConnell/ Flute

(9:30 & 11:00) *Sing Joy!* Joel Raney  
Sanctuary Choir

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text message FCFUMC*

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

### Scripture

Luke 2:8-20  
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### Sermon

"Surprised by Christmas: The Shepherds" Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### † Hymn of Dedication

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* UMH 236  
verses 1-4

### † Benediction

### Postlude

(8:00) *Good King Wenceslas* Gordon Young  
(9:30 and 11:00) *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Mark Hayes

## 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.

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Masters family on the baptism of Aurora Rae. God Bless you!

### FAITH FORMATION

**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. His ministry of black theology calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice and economic inequality. Info: [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

### MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

**SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT MENTORS NEEDED** at Putnam, we need 16 total. Wednesdays 3:30—5:00 p.m., Jan. 16—Mar. 6. You will be paired with a student, instructions and materials for the project will be provided. Email or call Janet Krech at [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), 225-0330. Thank you for your support.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with us! Join us tomorrow at 2:00 pm for our Children's Service; 5:00 or 7:00 pm for our Candlelight Worship with Choir and Brass, or 11:00 pm for Candlelight worship with Holy Communion.



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!



### **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.

## MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

We have received 223 estimate of giving cards for a total amount of \$685, 012. 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) 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**  
**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 30**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
**"Surprised by Christmas: Jesus"**  
**Matthew 5:1-12**

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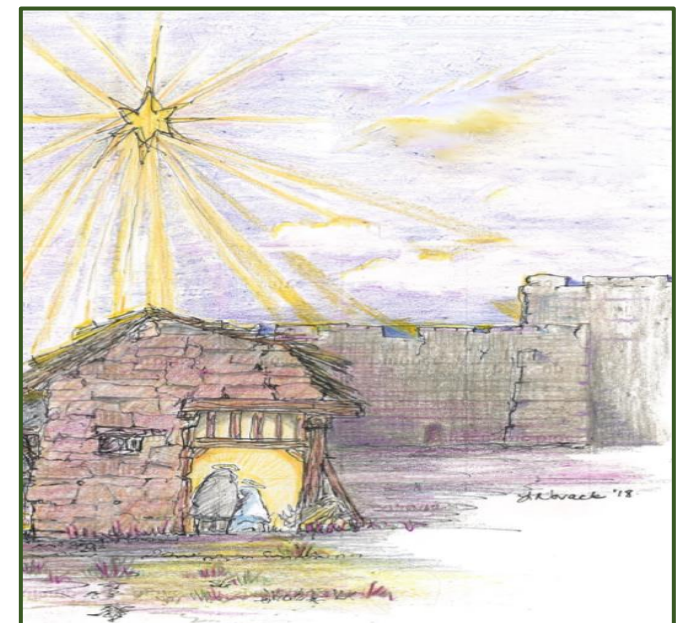
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**December 23, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**"Surprised By Christmas:  
The Shepherds"**



**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!