

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

The Vision of First Church is to be an inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

**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 seek 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!

**LITURGIST** 8:00 Joan Carter, 9:30 Mike Kohler, 11:00 John Allum

**COMMUNION SERVERS** 9:30 Barbara Cline, Dave Rubenthaler, Dana Sampson; 11:00 Stephanie Lane, Karen Knuckey.

**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

### FIRST KIDS' CLUB – 9:45 a.m.

First Kids' Club is offered on the first Sunday of each month for K-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*\*\*For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.*

### WEEKLY STUDENT MINISTRY (Friends are always welcome)

**High School** Small Group Study meets every Tuesday night 7:45-9 p.m. at Wild Boar on College. **Youth Group (grades 6-12)** meets every Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Dinner is provided. **Kindred Small Group (College and Young Adults)** meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Wild Boar on College, coffee and food provided.

### 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>	<i>When In Our Music God Is Glorified</i>	arr. M. Limbaugh
<b>Welcome</b>		Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Prelude (8:00)</b>	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	arr. L. Smith
<b>Introit (9:30 and 11:00)</b>	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	arr. K. McChesney Carillon Handbell Choir
<b>Invocation</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>† Call to Worship</b>		Liturgist
<b>† Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	UMH 185
<b>Children's Time (9:30)</b>		Barb Grauberger
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Up From the Grave He Arose (refrain)</i>	UMH 322
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 30:1-5 page 684	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>Offertory</b>		
<b>8:00</b>	<i>The Heart Worships</i>	Gustav Holst Dean Rieger, soloist
<b>9:30 and 11:00</b>	<i>In Thee Is Gladness</i>	Bish Sanctuary Choir
<a href="http://fcfumc.net">Give online at fcfumc.net</a> Text to give at 77977, text message: FCFUMC Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need		
<b>† Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 9:1-15 page 1336	Liturgist
<b>Sermon</b>	"Blinded by the Light"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Communion Music</b>	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	arr. Don Wyrzten Karen Stoody, piano
<b>† Hymn of Dedication</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UMH 451
<b>† Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	arr. Young

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**LOVE IN ACTION COORDINATOR** If you want to offer your service to the church but are not interested in attending meetings, we have an opportunity for you...Coordinator keeps a list of volunteers. When a request for a short-term need is received, coordinator emails the request to the volunteers and coordinates connection. Commitment can vary but is minimally 1-2 hours per month. If interested, please contact Jeri Neely at [jeri.neely@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.neely@gmail.com) or 970-377-9952 or Karen Waldron at [keakw@comcast.net](mailto:keakw@comcast.net) or 970-219-0898.

**GRIEF GROUP** "Moving On" will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month (7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in May). We meet in the Conference Room at 1:30 pm for an hour. Come share the many ways we journey through the grief process and offer your support. For more information contact JoAn Hopkins at [jodhop@hotmail.com](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com).

**LIFE LINE SCREENING** is coming to First Church on **May 30, 2019**. This is a reduced cost, preventive health screening program. Advanced registration is required. To receive your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

### FAITH FORMATION

**LIBRARY CONNECTIONS** Is there a book you'd like to review or would you like to hear about a variety of books for church libraries? Contact [fincnetwork@comcast.com](mailto:fincnetwork@comcast.com) or call David Reid at 970-581-2707 to reserve a spot at the **Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado annual Book Talk on May 18 at First Presbyterian Church**. Also, our library will host a **Spirituality Book of the Month study of Joan Chittester's *The Gift of Years* 3 p.m. May 19**. Contact [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

**BOOK OF THE WEEK** *The Poor and the People Called Methodist* by Richard P. Heitzenrater, 261.832 HEI, is a series of essays offering perspectives on Wesleyan theology and tradition that sprang from John and Charles Wesley's concern for the poor.

**DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON Friday, May 10 at noon.** Presents "How Did We Ever Get to the Moon and Back?" John Allum will share his experience involving the Apollo 11 mission and the first man walking on the moon. Best lunch in town for \$4! Everyone is welcome. Reservations not necessary.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10 THROUGH 14

Children who are 3 years of age (by September 15, 2018), through grade 5 (completed) are welcome to attend. In addition, we need plenty of volunteers to make this week great! If you are a full-time volunteer, your children attend free. **Online registration is now open!** Please go to the Children's Ministry tab of [fcfumc.net](http://fcfumc.net) to register or volunteer. Contact Barb Grauberger at [childrensdirector@fcfumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfumc.net) for more information.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Mickie Watt and Jan Beyer. Thank you for your valuable service!

Be sure and stop by the **Youth Bake Sale today**. All proceeds support the Youth mission trip this summer.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of the music ministry.

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES** is **TODAY**. Your Special Offering empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to serve Jesus by honoring creative expressions of culture and heritage. 50% stays in our conference to develop and strengthen local Native American ministries; 25% goes toward scholarships for Native Americans called to ministry or service, 25% helps with expansion ministries through the Native American Urban Initiative.

**MUSIC CONCERT** The Music Ministry will be offering a concert of favorite hymns, psalms and spiritual songs **this evening at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Please join us for our annual fund raising concert. All donations will be matched up to \$5,000! Your \$100 donation becomes \$200!

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**2019 IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR OUR CHURCH.** It is 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 often this year as we celebrate 150 years and look toward the next 150.

**May 19 Community and World Mission Fair**  
**August 25 Old Fashioned Picnic**  
**October 19 Service Day**  
**October 20 Grand Celebration**

### DID YOU KNOW?...

In 1872, the name of the town was officially changed from "Agricultural Colony" to **Fort Collins**.

## FAITH FORMATION

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tap and Handle, 307 S College**. We will discuss *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* by Dr. Willie Jennings. Whether or not you attended the Hagen Lecture or read the book you are welcome! Questions: Kate Norton, [fif67@live.com](mailto:fif67@live.com) or Martha Conant, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** invites you to join them on **Thursday, May 9 in the Parlor** for lunch and a program on women responding and serving in Christ's name. Lunch is at **11:30 a.m.** followed by the program. All are welcome!

## Pastors

**Dr. Melanie Rosa**, *Lead Pastor*  
**Rev. Cynthia Paquette**, *Executive Pastor*

## Deacons

**Rev. Sue Harmon**, *Chaplain, Poudre Valley Hospital*  
**Rev. Kaitlin Elmore**, *Chaplain, Pathways Hospice, Poudre Valley Hospital*

## Music Staff

**David Adkins**, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*  
**Karen Stody**, *Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries*  
**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 and Kindred CSU 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

**Henry Reyna**, *Facilities Manager*  
**Karen Waldron**, *Interim Office Manager*  
**Julie Firebaugh**, *Accountant*  
**Shauna Bjork**, *Financial Secretary*  
**Jim Doser**, *Worship Technology Lead*  
**Catherine Pawlikowski**, *Membership & 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: May 12

**Fourth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation**  
**Sunday/Mother's Day**  
**"Who Is My Mother"**  
**Isaiah 66:12-14 Mark 3:31-35**

**5:00 p.m. Modern Worship followed by dinner**



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**May 5, 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**"Blinded by the Light"**



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Sunday Worship Services are at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!