

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!

LITURGISTS 8:00 a.m. Theresa Holbrook, 9:30 a.m. Kate Norton, 11:00 a.m. Rae Batch

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 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN’S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: TODAY IS KICK-OFF SUNDAY! THAT MEANS YOU ARE PROMOTED TO THE GRADE YOU WILL BE STARTING IN SCHOOL THIS FALL!! 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-5 meet outside the Sanctuary. The teachers will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location following the service. **Please note, Club 56 will begin on September 8. If you are 6-12 grade, join Josh TODAY in the youth basement for a special Youth kickoff Sunday. Fifth graders will be upstairs for this one Sunday.**

For children attending our worship services, children’s worship bags and notebooks are available at the Sanctuary entrance.
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

DVD OF THE WEEK: *An Act of Love: A Father. A Church. A Movement*, DVD FF_SHE_2016. Rev. Frank Schaefer never set out to be an activist, but after officiating the same-sex wedding of his son, the United Methodist Church put him on trial.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music		8:00	<i>Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major</i>	J.S. Bach
		9:30 and 11:00	<i>Fanfare</i>	John Cook
Welcome				Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude			<i>Fanfare for a New Day</i>	L. Smith
Invocation				Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship				Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise			<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i> Vs. 1, 3 and 4	UMH 160
Reception of New Members				
Children's Time 9:30				Barb Grauberger
Blessing of Educators				
Hymn			<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS 2233
Anthem	8:00	<i>Romance in F#, Opus 28, #2</i>	Robert Schumann	
		Louise Thornton, piano		
	9:30 and 11:00	<i>Celebrate the Day</i> Sanctuary Choir	Chopin	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer				Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Choral Response		<i>Surely the Lord is in this Place</i>	McCray	
Scripture		Matthew 13:1-9 page 1186	Rev. Cynthia Paquette	
Offertory	8:00	<i>Kum-ba-yah Suite</i>	Joel Raney	
		Louise Thornton, piano; Karen Stooddy, organ		
	9:30 and 11:00	<i>We Are Surrounded</i> Sanctuary Choir	Martin	
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† Doxology		<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95	
Scripture		Psalms 103:1-14 page 744	Liturgist	
Sermon		"Mentors in Faith at First Church"	Dr. Melanie Rosa	
† Hymn of Dedication		<i>For All the Saints</i>	TFWS 2283	
† Benediction				
Postlude		<i>Carillon-Sortie</i>	H. Mulet	


ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER SERMONS: Our “Better Together” series will highlight how we were created to be connected and together. This is essential for our happiness and well-being, especially in a time of increasing isolation and fragmentation. September 1 – Holy Communion “Better Together: Belonging,” September 8 – “Better Together: Accepting,” **(5:00 Modern Service Kickoff and First Anniversary Celebration)**, September 15 – “Better Together: Enduring,” September 22 – “Better Together: Serving,” September 29 – “Better Together: Encouraging.”

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY, AND DISCIPLESHIP

Joining the **Welcome Desk Team** is an opportunity to serve First Church by offering a smile, information, and a warm welcome to our guests. **Please contact Pam Metzger, Welcome Center Team Leader, to learn more and get involved, pammetzger3531@comcast.net or 970-430-0062.**

MISSIONS

**EASTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT: A Gift to our Community in Honor of 150 years!** To honor the legacy of our founding members, FUMC is spearheading a collaborative investment in our neighborhood through the improvement of Eastside Park. FUMC is raising \$245,000 for physical improvement and programming for the park. Now is your chance to be involved. Please consider a gift to this project separate from your regular giving to our ministry. \$158,115 has been committed by church and community members thus far. October 19 FUMC is hosting a Community Work-Day and will begin the physical renovation. Please consider joining us both financially and physically. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Plemmons, Emily Land, Heidi Priebe, or Lisa Fenton-Free.

Want to get away during the cold winter month of February for a week? Join us in Middle Keys, Florida from February 9 – 15, for a fun-filled working mission trip with Habitat for Humanity. Come by the Mission table in Fellowship Hall for more information or contact Cindi Ross-Bell.

FAITH FORMATION

TALKING IN CHURCH: A study of C. Christopher Smith’s new book, *How the Body of Christ Talks: Recovering the Practice of Conversation in Church*, begins Sept. 11, at noon and 7:00 p.m. Smith says this is our most-needed spiritual practice. David Reid facilitates. Books: \$12.
YOU PUT THE SOCIAL IN SOCIAL MEDIA: Did you know our church is on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Snapchat**? Please follow or like us on each of these sights. You can widen the circle by sharing items you see on our social media sites with others!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: will meet on Tuesday, September 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at **Pueblo Viejo**, 185 N College Ave. Our topic will be “What is God’s Goal?” All are welcome to join in the conversation. Questions: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC TODAY: Let's celebrate the 150th Anniversary of First Church and kick off our fall programs with an Old-Fashioned Picnic! Today at 4:30-7:30 p.m. on the church front lawn at the corner of Elizabeth and Stover. There will not be a Modern Service today.

Today at the 9:30 service, we offer a blessing for all those who work in education as teachers, aides, administrators, or volunteers from Preschool to Graduate School. We want you to know that we appreciate you very much and seek God's protection and blessing for you in the coming year.

YOUTH KICKOFF! Today at 6:00 p.m. during the picnic, there will be an information session outside for all students and adults who would like to attend. After the info session, the students and adult drivers will be off on their first A.R.K. (acts of random kindness) night!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of the life of Eileen Gayman.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Karen Waldron and Mary Ann Kertula. Thank you for your valuable service!

2019 IS A SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR FIRST CHURCH. We celebrate 150 years of inspiring, blessing, and serving our neighbors. In honor of this milestone, we are giving a gift to our shared community. Partnering with the city of Fort Collins, we have agreed to help refurbish **Eastside Park** (behind Laurel Elementary School). This is one of the most stressed and neglected parks in Fort Collins, right in our neighborhood. You can learn more about how you can support this project in Fellowship Hall. Help us celebrate 150 years as we prepare for the next 150 years.



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GRIEF, COURAGE AND HEALING: Fort Collins author Jane Nicolet hosts an interactive discussion for anyone experiencing grief at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Co-sponsors are the Grief Group and Adult Faith Formation.

OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR has resumed weekly rehearsals, but it is not too late to join us for the fall/Christmas season. We will have a Welcome (Back)! Party and rehearsal on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Light refreshments will be served followed by a rehearsal from 7-8. If you enjoy singing, we would be honored to have you join us. Please email David Adkins @ choirdir@fcfumc.net for more information.

FIRST REHEARSALS FOR OTHER MUSIC ENSEMBLES:

Church Orchestra - Wednesday, September 4/5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary), **Children's Choirs** - Sunday, September 8/10:30 - 11:00 a.m., **Carillon Handbell Choir** - Wednesday, August 21/6:00 - 7:15 p.m. (Choir Room), **Alleluia Handbell Choir** - Thursday, September 4/4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room) Questions? Please contact David Adkins, Director of Music and Communications at choirdir@fcfumc.net.

New Members Joining our Church at 9:30 services



The Anderson Family

The Barkoskie Family



Tru Wieck



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August 25, 2019
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
“Mentors in Faith at First Church”



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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!