

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. Emily Land, 9:30 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell, 11:00 a.m. Stephanie Lane

COMMUNION SERVERS 9:30 a.m. Lois Quintana, Rick Norton, Karen Kiser, Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 a.m. Stephanie Lane, Josh Malave.

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST KIDS’ CLUB: 945: a.m. **First Kids’ Club is offered on the first Sunday of each month** for K-5 graders during the 9:30 a.m. service. Join us for an all-in-one service just for kids. 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. Parents, please pick up elementary children from the upstairs Village Classrooms following the service. Preschoolers will adjourn to room 121 after Children’s time and participate in fun, engaging activities with our Nursery staff. Please pick up your preschooler after the service. ****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

WEEKLY YOUTH PROGRAMMING: High School Bible Study, Tuesdays at Wild Boar Café from 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Youth Group, Wednesdays in the Youth Wing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BOOK OF THE WEEK: *All Soul Parts Returned*, by Bruce Beasley, 811.54 BEA. The poet interrogates the absurdities, psychic violence, and spiritual condition of 21st century America with despair, philosophic intelligence and piercing human.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G minor</i>	D. Buxtehude
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>As the Wind Song</i>	M. Burkhardt
Invocation		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	UMH 547
Children’s Time 9:30 Hymn	<i>We Are the Church</i> (Refrain only)	Barb Grauberger UMH 558
Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Scripture	Acts 15:1-11 page 1346	Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Offertory	8:00 <i>Let Us Offer to the Father</i> (Te Ofrecemos Padre Nuestro) Pablo Romero, soloist	R. M. Martinez
9:30 and 11:00 For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table) Tom Trenney Sanctuary Choir, Lisa Eakins, cello		
Give online at fcfumc.net Text to give at 77977, text message: FCFUMC Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need		
† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	John 13 (selected verses) page 1311	Liturgist
Sermon	“Better Together: United”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Sacrament of Holy Communion	Everyone is welcome to receive communion in our church.	
Communion Music	Selections from around the world Karen Stoodly, piano	
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Halle, Halle, Halleluja</i>	TFWS 2026
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Fanfare and Toccata Breve on ‘Splendor and Honor’</i>	M. Burkhardt

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ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to provide flowers to enhance our Sunday Worship, the cost is \$50. You may take them home after service or donate to our Flower Delivery Ministry. Signup sheets are under the flower calendar in the office hallway.

OCTOBER WORSHIP: Join us at one of our four services each week in October as we celebrate the following events: October 13, Children’s Sabbath; October 20, 150th Celebration and Gala; October 27, Reformation Sunday.

STAY CONNECTED WITH FIRST CHURCH: You can listen to past sermons on our website <https://fcfumc.net/>, just click Media/Sermons. Also, under Media/Communications you can sign up for our weekly E-News First Wire and our monthly newsletter The Carillon.

FIRST CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE: Our Church directory update is coming along. “Draft copies” of the directory will be at all entrances to the church through the end of September. Please check your directory listing for accuracy, make any changes, and initial the box next to your name after checking for accuracy. If your photo was in the last directory, we will use that photo unless a new one is being taken through LifeTouch. Everyone who has a photo in the last directory or is getting a new photo taken will receive a free updated directory when they are printed.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF GROUP: Will meet October 8, and 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. Losing a loved one is difficult, come chat with others that are traveling this journey. For information, contact jodhop@hotmail.com.

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY, DISCIPLESHIP

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH: We, here at First Church are so excited to see many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? Is so, **Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session on October 13, at noon in the Parlor.** We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a chance to tour the church building. **As soon as possible, please email membership@fcfumc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 112 if you plan to attend.** Childcare will be provided.

CHILI COOK-OFF: The Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. Chili cooks and chili tasters needed! Sign up on Sundays in Fellowship Hall. Don’t want to make chili? That’s cool – just sign up to bring cornbread or condiments instead!

DID YOU KNOW?...

The **Silver Grill Café**, established in **1927**, is the longest continuously-operating restaurant in Colorado.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Diane Smith and Martha Conant. Thank you for your valuable service!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration by people of many denominations in an effort to promote unity in Jesus Christ among Christians around the world. In honor of our Global Community, we will celebrate Holy Communion with a display of breads from around the world, including Bagels from Poland, Focaccia from Italy, Naan from Asia, Tortilla from Mexico, English Muffin from Great Britain, Pita Bread from the Middle East, Stollen from Germany and traditional unleavened Jewish bread called Matzo. As you receive the bread and cup, remember that you are part of the Church Universal, united in Christ across time and space.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Bake Sale today!! The youth will be selling baked items in the Fellowship Hall between services today.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Day of Service – Saturday Morning, October 19**

Please see our website for more information or signup in Fellowship Hall to serve. There are many projects to choose from.

- **150th Gala Celebration Sunday, October 20**

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

4:30 p.m. – Service of Dedication in the Sanctuary

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Gala Event in Fellowship Hall

Tickets for the Gala are on sale in Fellowship Hall and the Church Office through October 6 and are \$20 per person. Please join us as we celebrate the past 150 years and prepare for the next 150.



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EASTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT: A Gift to our Community in Honor of 150 years! To honor the legacy of our founding members, First Church is spearheading a collaborative investment in our neighborhood through the improvement of Eastside Park. First Church is raising \$245,000 for physical improvement and programming for the park. Please consider a gift to this project separate from your regular giving to our ministry. **\$190,082** has been committed by church and community members thus far. On October 19, First Church is hosting a Day of Service, and will begin the physical renovation. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Plemmons, Emily Land, Heidi Priebe, or Lisa Fenton-Free.

CANS AROUND THE OVAL: FUMC is joining CSU's annual drive to support the **Food Bank for Larimer County**. Collection bins are at the Stover Street and South entrances and in the Fellowship Hall. For every \$ collected, the Food Bank is able to purchase \$\$\$\$ (\$5) worth of food, make checks out to FUMC memo: Food Bank. **Most Needed Food List** and donation envelopes are available in Mission Corner.

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FAITH FORMATION

EUROPEAN SLAVE TRADE: First Church member Diane Smith will lead a one-session class on the European slave trade at noon and again at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 16. You will learn some surprising new information about where slaves came from, who owned slaves and the intersection of slavery – and its abolishment – with Christianity.

SIMON PETER STUDY: Bob Simpson, a retired UMC clergyman, will lead a book and DVD study about the prominent disciple beginning Oct. 23. Peter was an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. Books are \$15 at the AFF table.

OCTOBER 13 CHILDREN'S SABBATH AND 3RD GRADE BIBLE

PRESENTATION: Join us for a very special morning. ALL children will be invited to join our Children's Parade in the 9:30 a.m. service. Please meet adult shepherds in the Narthex before the service. Children will parade up to the front of the church during the opening hymn. **There will be no Sunday School at the 9:30 service!** There are spots available for children ushering, greeting and liturgists! If your child is interested in participating in Children's Sabbath, sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aaab22a7fc1-childrens> If your child is interested in receiving a Bible on Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service, RSVP to Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.

TOUR YOUR LIBRARY: Learn your way around the award-winning Northern Colorado Faith Library in a 20-minute tour. You'll become familiar with the online catalog, special collections and amenities. Contact David Reid at 581-2707 or davidreid24@gmail.com

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: for October will meet at The Moot House on College Avenue, just south of Drake, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday October 17. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Garden Room. For more information, please contact JudySayreGrim@gmail.com.

SECOND MOUNTAIN STUDY: In his popular new book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*, by David Brooks tells how he learned to care more about people than success after a divorce and a generally lonely life. *The New York Times* columnist also became a Christian. David Reid facilitates this five-week study at noon Wednesdays beginning Oct 23. Book: \$14 in Fellowship Hall.

DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON: Plan to attend an exciting and visually stimulating slide show program INTO AFRICA with professional photographer Georgia Evens. Georgia has spent many years supporting villages in Tanzania with water filter systems and mosquito bed nets. Her magnificent professional close-up photos of wildlife and village life are not to be missed. Oct. 11, noon \$4, best lunch in town, Fellowship Hall, reservations not necessary.



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**October 6, 2019
World Communion
“Better Together: United”**



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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!