

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. Pam Raab, 9:30 a.m. Martha Conant, 11:00 a.m. Jerry Wiese

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-5th grade 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. *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 Momo Lolo Coffee Shop from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Youth Group, Wednesdays in the Youth Wing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP: If you are a teen, we have something for YOU! Youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to participate in our Sunday Morning Youth Group that happens at 9:30 every Sunday. Join our Youth Director and leaders in the Youth basement for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth that is fun and relevant to students!

BOOK OF THE WEEK: *Introducing Evangelical Theology* by Daniel J. Treier, 230.046 TRE. The Knoedler Professor of Theology at Wheaton College offers a combination of Scripture, tradition, ethics, doctrine, historic debates and contemporary challenges.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music *Let Us Give Thanks* arr. Ron & Linda Sprunger
Joan Carter, organ; Karen Stoody, piano

Welcome Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prelude
Adagio on 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow' Mark Thewes

Invocation Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH 396

Children's Time 9:30 Barb Grauberger
Baptism Theodore David Swanson
Hymn *Jesus Loves the Little Children* Traditional

Anthem 8:00 *You Say* L. Daigel
Emily Gehman, soloist

9:30 and 11:00 *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir; Keilani McConnell, flute

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Parker

Scripture Ruth 1:1-16 Dr. Melanie Rosa
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20/20 Vision Campaign **The Land Family**

Offertory 8:00 *He's Always Been Faithful to Me* arr. Tom Fettke
Emily Gehman, soloist

9:30 and 11:00 *Here's One* arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir; Keilani McConnell, flute

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

Scripture Luke 10:25-37 Liturgist
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Sermon "20/20 Vision: Dedication" Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Christ Beside Me* TFWS 2166

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Sinfonia from 'Solomon'* G. F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER WORSHIP: Join us during our month of Gratitude: November 17, "Generosity" 1 Timothy 6:6-10; November 24, Celebration Sunday "Joy" 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY KNIT IN: Saturday, November 16, at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Church Parlor. Come join us as we are busily creating prayer shawls and prayer squares for comfort. Materials and mentors are waiting! All are Welcome!

GRIEF GROUP: helps if you have lost someone close to you. The holidays are usually a time that is difficult. Meet with others that are on that journey. Group meets on the November 12, and 26 at 1:30p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us. Information jodhop@hotmail.com.

MISSIONS

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION HOLIDAY MISSION TRIP: Please join us on Wednesday, December 4, through December 7, for the Pine Ridge Reservation Holiday Mission Trip. Help prepare our annual dinner for friends and families in need, visit schools and historical sights, and meet residents who share their talents and stories. Cost is \$100 per person, includes room, meals and programs. Sign up in Mission Corner. Information: Theresa 970-219-5960.

PARENT'S DAY OUT: The best kept secret in town! Do you need a little break and what your child to experience quality childcare with minimal expense and commitment? This is the program for you! We serve ages 1 (and walking)-5 years old. Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's. Parent's Day Out is a licensed, low-cost, drop-in child-care service servicing the community for 35 years. It is a safe, nurturing and fun program for the Mom or Dad who needs a few hours. Only \$8.00 per hour for the first child, \$7.00 per hour for a sibling! Check us out under the Children's Ministry tab at <https://fcfumc.net/>.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's time to get your shoe box material and fill it for a child in need. A few toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and a stuffed animal or doll. These are simple items to us, but to a child in need they create smiles and hope. Come to Fellowship Hall for your box and brochure!

FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY: Join our team of volunteers at the **Food Bank for Larimer County Warehouse**, 5706 Wright Dr., Loveland, tomorrow, Monday, (November 11) from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Its lots of fun sorting food donations and repackaging large portions into family size portions. Signup sheet and map are in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Ruben Lopez (903) 676-8089 or Bonny Thomas (970) 232-9879.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Lynne Ellison and Dale and Martha Conant. Thank you for your valuable service!

CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Theodore David Swanson, baptized today. May God richly bless your family.



Our 2020 Vision Campaign offers you the opportunity to generously support the mission and ministry of our church for the coming year. In the weeks ahead, please prayerfully reflect upon what this church and its mission's mean to you. First Church offers a place of refuge and inspiration for countless people, many of

whom have been turned away elsewhere. Our inclusive, expansive, tangible love for all of God's children is what sets this church apart. Please reflect upon how First Church has offered a refuge for you: a place to find peace and hope, a place to grow, learn, connect, and serve. We need your support in our efforts to make 2020 a year in which we will open our doors even wider and aim higher in our efforts to inspire hope, grow in faith, and serve with joy.

Commitment Sunday November 24 is when we will dedicate our commitments to the work of God for 2020. This is essential to help us realistically plan for ministry. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you are called to share to further our mission and reach more people in the coming year. It is also Pie Sunday, so bring your favorite pie to share as together we celebrate the goodness of God.

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FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT WORKSHOP 2019: Please join us for a fun, family-friendly event. First Church has hosted this event for years, and this is something you and your family will not want to miss! There is something for all ages! Christmas and winter themed crafts are set up throughout the Fellowship Hall. Carriage rides and Stover Street Stompers complete the afternoon. Pizza and treats are available in the Parlor, donation suggested.



When: Sunday, December 8, from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

What: Crafting and other holiday fun, (most suitable for ages 3+, but there are some fun things for the tiniest as well.)

Cost: Please bring a dozen cookies as your contribution to the event! Donations suggested for pizza as well. Suggested amount is \$5.00 per family.

Want to help? If you would like to host a craft station or help in some way, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084baba72ba02-advent3>

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: You are invited to join us on Thursday, November 14, in the Parlor at 11:20 a.m. for a lunch and program given by Pam Brewer from Homeward Alliance. This organization helps homeless people by meeting their immediate and long-term needs. Please contact Ellen Bode at elbode8@gmail.com for more information.

WORLD WISDOMS PROJECT: "Encountering 'The Holy' in a Complicated World" features panelists Laurie Gudim, Sivea Key, and Trinity Wilbourn at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 14, in Fellowship Hall. They will explore the hunger for a sense of connection and wholeness in an era marked by personal and collective trauma. Suggested donation: \$10.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: Pema Chodron's book, *Comfortable with Uncertainty*, generated such a deep and meaningful conversation in September that we've decided to read *When Things Fall Apart* by the same author. Meets at 3 p.m., Nov. 17, in Library Study Room.



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.

OUTSTANDING DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES: Copies of Father Richard Rohr's *Preparing for Christmas* are available for \$10. Copies of the 2020 *Upper Room Disciplines* are available for \$15. You will find both at the Adult Faith Formation table.

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: In November we're getting ready for the holiday season by going to lunch at the Me Oh My Pie Shop and Restaurant in LaPorte. The restaurant has a full menu with about 10 daily choices of pies. It's located at the NW intersection of Overland Trail and Highway 287 and has abundant parking. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21. Plan to pick up a pie for your Thanksgiving table! For more information contact JudySayreGrim@gmail.com.



CAN WE TALK ROUNDTABLE: on "Health Care Directions in the Next 5 Years." Sunday, November 17, at 12:00 noon in the Parlor. Light lunch (donations accepted). Conservative and liberal speakers and attendees will explore facts and discuss this national crisis and whether or not our concerns and our Christian faith incline us toward any specific way forward.

Coming Next Week: November 17

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
"20/20 Vision: Generosity"
Isaiah 12:1, Timothy 6:6-10

5:00 p.m. Modern Worship
Followed by dinner



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**Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost
November 10, 2019
"20/20 Vision: Dedication"**



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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!