

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. Cindi Ross-Bell, 9:30 a.m. Bill Emslie, 11:00 a.m. John Allum

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: *Whistleblowers: Honesty in America from Washington to Trump* by Allison Stanger, 353.46 STA. "Whistleblower rights and protection in the United States are as old as the republic itself," writes Stanger, professor of international politics and economics at Middlebury College and New America Cybersecurity fellow.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music

8:00 *To God Be the Glory, A Hymn Fantasy* M. Burkhardt

9:30 and 11:00
It Is Well/Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow arr. S. Brown
First Church Orchestra

Welcome

Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude 8:00 *Simple Gifts* C. Callahan
9:30 and 11:00 *God Will Make a Way* arr. Richard Kingsmore
First Church Orchestra

Introit 9:30 and 11:00 His Banner Over Me is Love; Alleluia Allelu
Cherubs and Joyful Noise Childrens Choirs

† Call to Worship

Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

Children's Time 9:30
Hymn *Jesus Loves the Little Children* Traditional

Anthem 8:00 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Hal Hopson
Ivy Taylor, soloist

9:30 and 11:00 *Look at the World* arr. John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Parker

20/20 Vision Campaign Dale and Martha Conant

Offertory 8:00 *All Good Gifts from 'Godspell'* S. Schwartz
Ivy Taylor, soloist

9:30 and 11:00 *Fanfare for 100 Years* Jeffrey Honoré
Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

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Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need

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

Scripture 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Liturgist
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Sermon "20/20 Vision: Generosity" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *For the Fruits of This Creation* UMH 97

† Benediction

Postlude *Toccata* Eugene Gigout

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING NEXT WEEK: November 24, Celebration Sunday "Joy"
2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Celebration Sunday, please bring your favorite pie!

DECEMBER SERMONS: "Goodness and Light"

December 1: "Do You Dream What I Dream?" Luke 1:26-45

December 8: "Do You See What I See?" Matthew 1:18-25

December 15: Christmas Music Sunday (No 8:00 Service)

December 22: "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Luke 1:39-45

December 24: "Do You Know What I Know?" Luke 2:1-20

Worship Services at 2:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm

December 29: "Will You Go Where I Go?" John 21:15-19

MISSIONS

Thank you, First Church, for donating 44 lbs. of food to the Food Bank of Larimer County this past month!

DONATIONS FOR PINE RIDGE RESERVATION MISSION TRIP: We will be preparing our 5th annual Pine Ridge Holiday meal for friends and families in need on the reservation and we need your help! People to cook and carve turkeys (supplied) and donations of all the trimmings are needed – information lists and sign-up sheet in the Mission Corner. Information: Theresa 970-219-5960.

PARENT'S DAY OUT: The best kept secret in town! Do you need a little break and want 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. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 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!

HELP AT THE MISSION NEEDED: Each 5th Saturday of the month, First Church sends a crew to the Catholic Charities Mission to prepare and serve lunch. On November 30, we need 4-5 people to prepare a lunch from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 4-5 more people to serve lunch and clean up. Typically we serve about 100 people. The kitchen is clean and efficient and the Food Pantry and various restaurants/grocery stores etc. around town furnish the food. This is easy work and very satisfying. If you are interested, contact Jim Collinson (970) 227-0798 jimcollinson56@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 will meet on November 26 at 1:30p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us. Information jodhop@hotmail.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of their 90th Birthdays, Mary Anderson, Pat Jungmeyer, and Rod Anderson.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Liza Judd-Salimbeni and Stephani Hardon. Thank you for your valuable service!

CAN WE TALK ROUNDTABLE: on "Health Care Directions in the Next 5 Years." Is today at 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Light lunch (donations accepted).

SPIRITUALITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: Pema Chodron's book, *When Things Fall Apart* by the same author. Meets today at 3 p.m., in Library Study Room.



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 missions 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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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.

ORGAN DEMONSTRATION: Tuesday, November 26, 10:45-11:45 a.m. In what has become an annual event, Karen Stoody will give a demonstration of the Marcussen organ to the music history class from Rocky Mountain High School. Because the congregation has such a love for this wonderful instrument, they are also invited to come and enjoy the demo.



joewinsett@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Come sing Christmas Carols to our homebound church family. December 8, from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Meet in the South Parking Lot to get organized and arrange car pools. Contact

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.



THANKSGIVING CRAZY DINNER: This Thanksgiving season, Youth is bringing back crazy dinner! On the Sunday before Thanksgiving week, we will have an all-youth dinner where your meal will be a mystery. Join the craziness that will ensue.

November 24, 5:30 p.m. in Village Commons. **Parents, we need your help to make this event happen. If you are willing to participate, please sign up under the "events" tab on the youth ministry page of the church website.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR INSPIRING CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH!

December 8 - 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Handbells & More

December 11 - 6:00 p.m. – Children's Choir Musical

December 15 - 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
5:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir and Band at Encircle Worship

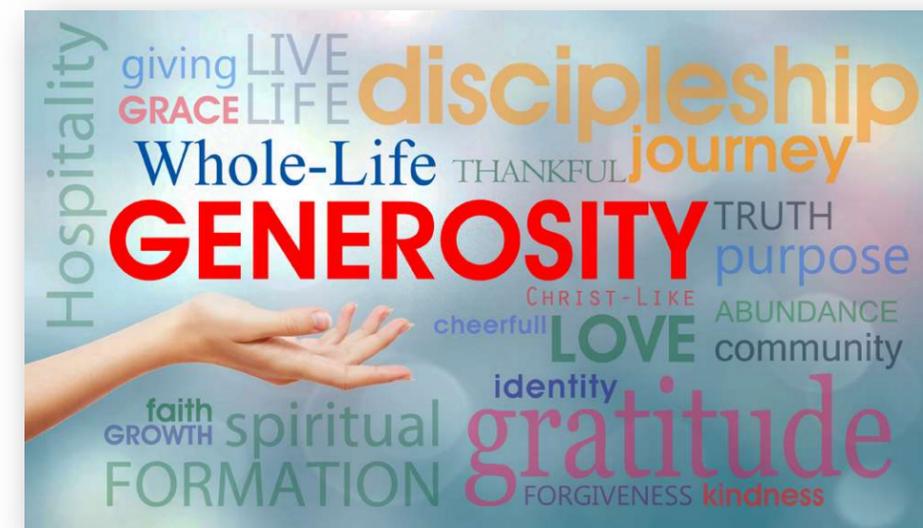


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Sunday Worship Services are at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

Thank you for joining us today!