

## 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. Stephanie Lane, 9:30 a.m. Pam Raab, 11:00 a.m. Rae Batch

## WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** 9:45 a.m. Please sign-in your children 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<sup>th</sup> 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. Sixth grade-Twelfth grade will join Josh in the youth basement and come up as a group for the sermon during the 9:30 service.

### 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:** *Truth Telling in a Post-Truth World* by D. Stephen Long, 230.1 LON. Long explains the vital role of truth in securing our freedom, and the duty of people of faith to recognize the truth and speak it.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	
	arr. Michael Graham and arr. Charles Callahan	
<b>Welcome</b>		Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	arr. Charles Callahan
<b>Invocation</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† <b>Call to Worship</b>		Liturgist
† <b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Come Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	UMH 694
<b>Children's Time 9:30</b>		Barb Grauberger
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	Traditional
<b>Anthem 8:00</b>	<i>The Swan</i>	Saint-Saens
	Sarah Keller, cello	
<b>9:30 and 11:00</b>	<i>Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing</i>	Gordon Young
	Sanctuary Choir	
<b>Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer</b>		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. A. Parker
	Sanctuary Choir	
<b>20/20 Vision Campaign</b>		<b>Susie Land and Bill Emslie</b>
<b>Offertory 8:00</b>	<i>On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand</i>	arr. Duane Funderburk
	Sarah Keller, cello	
<b>9:30 and 11:00</b>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Rutter
	Sanctuary Choir	
<p>Give online at <a href="https://fcfumc.net/">https://fcfumc.net/</a> Text to give at 77977, text message: FCFUMC Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need</p>		
† <b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
<b>Scripture</b>	2 Corinthians 9:7-11 page 547	Liturgist
<b>Sermon</b>	20/20 Vision: Joy"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Dedication of Commitments for 2020</b>	Please come forward to place your commitment in the wooden church	
	<i>Lord, Here Am I</i>	John Ness Beck
	David Adkins, piano; Karen Stody, organ	
† <b>Hymn of Dedication</b>	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	UMH 102
† <b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude 8:00</b>	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i>	arr. Charles Callahan
<b>9:30 and 11:00</b>	<i>Joy!</i>	Diane Bish

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

**THE WESTERN JURISDICTION (JW) LEADERSHIP:** met for the "Fresh United Methodism Summit." They affirmed WJ's stance allowing ordination of LGBTQ+ person and allowing its clergy to perform same-sex weddings, and elected a 10-member team to work a vision for the future.

<http://westernjurisdictionumc.org/western-jurisdiction-theological-declaration/>

This is not the position of the General UMC, however. Additional information: <http://wicumc.org/news/>, "Fresh United Methodism Summit."

### FAITH FORMATION

**DAILY ADVENT GREETINGS!** Do you have five minutes to think about Advent every day of this liturgical season? Look for a new blog posting from the Adult Faith Formation Team every day beginning December 1. Go to <https://fcfumc.net/> and click on ADVENT BLOG. You'll find prayers, songs, videos, recipes and more.

**DAILY ADVENT READINGS:** Order today at the Adult Faith Formation table to receive Richard Rohr's *Preparing for Christmas* in time for Advent. Cost \$10.

**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 are suggested for pizza (\$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>

**ORGAN DEMONSTRATION:** November 26, 10:45-11:45 a.m. In what has become an annual event, Karen Stody 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.



**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

[joewinsett@gmail.com](mailto:joewinsett@gmail.com).

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Bob and Julie Firebaugh in celebration of Krystal Master's birthday.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Diane Smith and Char Loomis. Thank you for your valuable service!



**EASTSIDE PARK:** As a gift to our community for our 150<sup>th</sup> year, we took the bold step of leading the refurbishment of a nearby park that was unsafe for our neighbors. Partnering with the city of Fort Collins, and a variety of generous community partners, our church raised **\$245,000** for Eastside Park improvements. Our fund-raising team has done an outstanding job of inspiring generosity toward this project. With the financial support of so many of our church members, this fundraising effort has achieved our goal. We could not be more thankful. Good work, First Church!



**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.

**Today** is Commitment Sunday we will dedicate our commitments to the work of God for 2020. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you are called to share to further our mission and reach more people in the coming year.

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### 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](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com).

### FAITH FORMATION

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** will meet on Tuesday, December 3, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Kate and Rick Norton's home (199 Camino Real, Fort Collins 80524). We will be having our annual Christmas celebration. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome. Questions: Kate Norton, [fif67@live.com](mailto:fif67@live.com).

**YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE COMING!** Just a reminder that your wreaths will be coming in after Thanksgiving. Plan to pick up your wreaths in Fellowship Hall beginning at **noon** on Monday, December 2, through Wednesday, December 4. **If you can help to deliver wreath orders, please contact Dea Carroll, (970) 223-6530**

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### MISSIONS

**THANK YOU:** Putnam School would like to thank First Church for its contribution to the "Morning Fresh Milk Lid" and "Box Top for Education" programs at the school. These programs provide much needed funds to purchase various supplies that would otherwise not be affordable to the school and its students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**DONATIONS FOR PINE RIDGE RESERVATION MISSION TRIP:** We will be preparing our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pine Ridge Holiday meal for 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 – sign-up sheet in the Mission Corner. Information: Theresa 970-219-5960.

**PARENT'S DAY OUT: Do you need a little break and want your child to experience quality childcare with minimal expense and commitment? We serve ages 1 (and walking)-5 years old. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.** Parent's Day Out is 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. First child is \$8.00 per hour and \$7.00 per hour for a sibling! Check us out under the Children's Ministry tab at <https://fcfumc.net/>.

**HELP AT THE MISSION NEEDED:** Each 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:jimcollinson56@gmail.com).

**CHRISTMAS GIFT "ANGELS:"** are needed for Putnam students and siblings. Stop by Fellowship Hall today to select a child and receive their wish list. Shop and wrap gifts and return them to church by December 2. Contact Janet Krech, [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), 970-225-0330

**PUTNAM CRAFTING EVENT:** Saturday, December 7, lots of volunteers will be needed at Putnam 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a new crafting event where students can create gifts for their families! We are planning for 150 kids, and we'd like 5 adults at each craft table. First Church will host 4 of 12 tables. Please come by Fellowship Hall to sign up today.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR INSPIRING CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH!

**December 8** - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Handbells & More  
**December 11** - 6:00 p.m. – Children's Choir Musical  
**December 15** - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra  
5:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir and Band at Encircle Worship



### Coming Next Week: December 1

First Sunday in Advent  
Holy Communion  
"Do You Dream What I Dream?"

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



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## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Commitment Sunday "20/20 Vision: Joy" November 24, 2019



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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!