

## 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. Joan Carter, 9:30 a.m. Bill Emslie, 11:00 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell

**COMMUNION SERVERS** 9:30 a.m. Rob Kiser, Dave Rubenthaler, Kate Orr 11:00 a.m. Stephanie Lane, JoAn Hopkins

## WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**FIRST KIDS' CLUB** – 9:45 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. Preschoolers will adjourn to room 121 after the 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, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.

### 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

**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: Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ**, 263.912 RUT, by Fleming Rutledge. As the midnight of the Christian year, the season of Advent is rife with dark, gritty realities.

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

**Gathering Music 8:00** *Wake, Awake For Night is Flying*  
by J.S. Bach & Paul Manz  
**9:30 and 11:00** *Go Tell It On the Mountain* arr. David Winkler  
First Church Orchestra

**Welcome** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Prelude 8:00** Advent Meditation Denis Elliott  
**9:30 and 11:00** *Silent Night* arr. David Winkler  
First Church Orchestra

† **Advent Candle Lighting** 8:00 Stephani and John Hardon;  
9:30 The Caston Family; 11:00 Joan Gandel and Lisa Fenton-Free

† **Hymn of Praise** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

**Children's Time 9:30** Barb Grauberger  
**Hymn** *Like a Child* TFWS 2092  
Verse 3

**Pastoral Prayer** Dr. Melanie Rosa

**Offertory 8:00** *Comfort Ye/Every Valley from 'Messiah'* G.F. Handel  
Pablo Romero, soloist

**9:30 and 11:00** *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr. Harry Simone  
Sanctuary Choir

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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** Luke 1:26-45; Matthew 1:18-25 Liturgist  
Selected verses

**Sermon** "Do You Dream What I Dream?" Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
Everyone is welcome to receive communion in our church

**Communion Music 8:00** O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Joseph Martin  
Karen Stoody, piano

**9:30 and 11:00** *Christmas Carol Trilogy* arr. Glenn L. Rudolph  
David Adkins, Organ; Kathryn Harms, harpist

† **Hymn of Dedication** *God Almighty, We Are Waiting* W&S 3047  
Verses 1 and 2

**Sung Benediction** *Do You Dream What I Dream?*

**Postlude** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* arr. Lani Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DECEMBER SERMONS: "GOODNESS AND LIGHT"

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

**OUR ANNUAL CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE:** will be on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. at First UMC in Loveland. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and prepare for our future with our United Methodist neighbors from nearby communities.

### MISSIONS

**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.



**THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 83:** will be selling fresh Christmas Trees and wreaths again this year. Head to Drake Centre located at Shields and Drake to pick out that perfect tree for your family or office. The profits go to the Scout account to help pay for dues and summer camp. Hours are Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays, and Sundays 10:00 – 6:00 p.m. from November 29, to December 22. Both Cash and credit cards accepted!

**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/>.

**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.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Joe F. and Julie Ann Key.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Kate Orr and her family. 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.

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### 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).

**CAN YOU HELP OFF-LOAD CHRISTMAS WREATHS FROM THE TRUCK?** Please report for duty in Fellowship Hall tomorrow (Monday) morning at 9:00 a.m. Allow about a half-hour. Work gloves and non-slip shoes advised. Refreshments provided!



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE COMING IN!** Please pick up your wreaths in Fellowship Hall beginning tomorrow, December 2, during the following times **only: Monday Noon to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday 10:00 – 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.** If you forgot to place an advance order, there will be some extra greenery items available to purchase at these times.

**DOUBLE NICKEL:** Sing into the Christmas season with the Sunshine Singers while enjoying the best lunch in town. December 13, noon, Fellowship Hall, \$4. Reservations not necessary.

**VIDEO BANQUET:** Come to a video extravaganza noon to 1:00 p.m. December 4 and 11, in the Parlor. No preparation required. Watch and discuss a variety of videos featuring spiritual thinkers such as Emilie Townes, Brene Brown, Stanley Hauerwas, Ilia Delio, Lanecia Rouse Tinsley and Scott Cairns.

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**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.

**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>

**WEARING GOD:** Professor of spirituality Lauren F. Winner hypothesizes that most congregations have a handful of images of God and this is the God they worship. However, the Bible reveals many colorful images worth exploring. *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire and Other Ways of Meeting God* will be offered at noon and 7:00 p.m. January 15, 22, 29 and February 5. Books \$11. Facilitator: David Reid.



**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).

### 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 8

Second Sunday in Advent  
"Do You See What I See?"  
Isaiah 40:3-5

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

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Holy Communion  
"Do You Dream What I Dream?"  
December 1, 2019



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and 5:00 p.m.

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

Thank you for joining us today!