

## 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!

## 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

**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:** *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*, 242.33 AQU, contains the work of many outstanding voices from Thomas Aquinas to Philip Yancey.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP: 9:30 • 11:00

**Gathering Music** *Variations on 'Angels We Have Heard on High'*  
Michael Helman

**Welcome and Prayer** Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Advent Candle Lighting** 9:30 The Anderson Family;  
11:00 Jeff and Jayden Librant

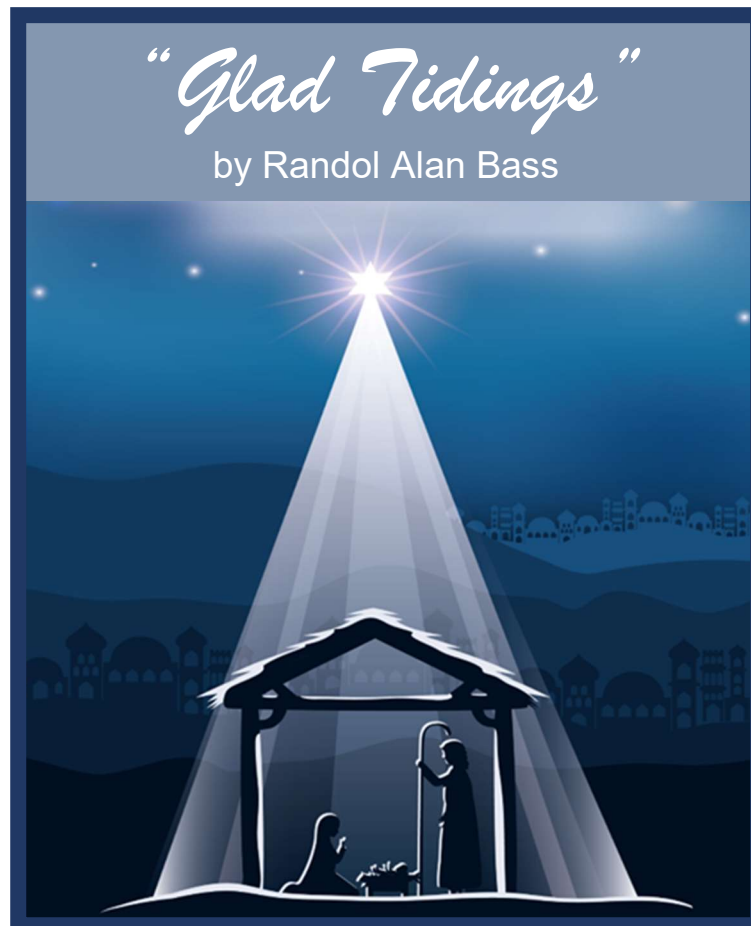
† **Hymn of Praise** *Sing We Now of Christmas* (verses 1-3) UMH 237

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

**Offertory** *Variations on 'Sussex Carol'* Raymond Haan  
Karen Stoodly, organ

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



**Benediction** Dr. Melanie Rosa

**Postlude** *In Dulci Jubilo* arr. Jan Sanborn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DECEMBER SERMONS: "GOODNESS AND LIGHT"

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

**This year our church was very active in service to our community and world!** Our Kids Closet served 3,746 children with free clothing, Days for Girls volunteers made hundreds of kits which will be delivered to girls in Kenya, we served 647 hours at Putnam Elementary School, distributed 96 backpacks to local students, served at the Food Bank, Murphy Center and Catholic Charities, 160 books were loaned to kids through our Bookmobile, 40 people were involved in three Habitat build days, brought Christmas dinner to Pine Ridge Reservation, supported our African missionary and offered scholarships for mission trips and Buckhorn Camp. Additionally, we will have given over \$50,000 to the wider mission of the global church this year. This is only a partial list of all the wonderful things our church does to bless and serve the world.

Congratulations First Church!



**THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 83:** will be selling fresh Christmas Trees and wreaths again this year. Head to Drake Centre 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 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. until December 22. Both cash and credit cards accepted!

### FAITH FORMATION



**DAILY ADVENT GREETINGS!** The blog is up and running on the front page of the church website at <https://fcfumc.net/>. Take five minutes or less for prayers, songs, videos, recipes and more appropriate to the season. A new entry is posted every day of Advent and older posts are retained.

**2020 UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES:** are for sale at the Adult Faith Formation table. Features daily scripture, reading and prayer with a different writer weekly.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** Were pleased to present the church with a check for \$2,500 from the sale of grocery cards and from the contributions that King Soopers gives for those who have linked their loyalty cards to Fort Collins First UMW-EOM. Come by the grocery card table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays to purchase cards and learn how to link your King Soopers loyalty card.

**SPELLBINDERS STORYTELLING:** Spellbinders of Larimer County will host a free, one-hour session on Family History though Storytelling at 1:30 p.m. January 6, in the Northern Colorado Faith Library. Learn how to become your family's favorite storyteller.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Karen Waldron and Mary Ann Kertulla. Thank you for your valuable service!



The poinsettias this year are in honor of all who donated to the Eastside Park project. We met our goal of raising \$245,000 to upgrade and refurbish this neighborhood park thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the city of Fort Collins, and community partners. Great 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

**THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH:** Our Holiday tradition is to meet in the private dining room of the Marriott Hotel at 3501 East Horsetooth Road in Fort Collins. Due to the availability of the room, we will meet on **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** In 2020 we'll resume our regular third Thursday dates. All are welcome! For more information, please contact [JudySayreGrim@gmail.com](mailto:JudySayreGrim@gmail.com).

**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.

First United Methodist Church Choir  
with Piano and Rhythm Section  
*presents*

**JOY!**

**A Gospel Music Celebration**  
Arranged by Joel Raney

Sunday, December 15, 2019  
5:00 p.m.  
Modern Worship Service "Encircle"

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### Pastors

**Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor**  
**Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor**

### Music Staff

**David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications**  
**Dr. David McArthur, Modern Worship Music Director**  
**Karen Stoody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries**  
**Josh Colonnieves, Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)**  
**Brenna Martin, Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)**

### Program Staff

**Barb Grauberger, Director of Children and Family Ministries**  
**Josh Malave, Director of Youth and Family Ministries**  
**David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library**  
**Laurie Elliott, Childcare Coordinator**  
**Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator**  
**Kelly Boettger, Director of Preschool**  
**Gail Farnum, Director of Parent's Day Out**

### Administrative and Facilities Staff

**Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager**  
**Rebekah Koehler, Administrative & Communications Assistant**  
**Julie Firebaugh, Accountant**  
**Shauna Bjork, Financial Secretary**  
**Jim Doser, Worship Technology Lead**  
**Catherine Pawlikowski, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Juanita Cruz, Custodian**  
**Max Reyes, Custodian**  
**Kathy Suiste, Custodian**  
**Gabe Betzner, Custodian**

**URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595**

### Coming Next Week: December 22

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
"Do You Hear What I Hear?"  
Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 1:39-45

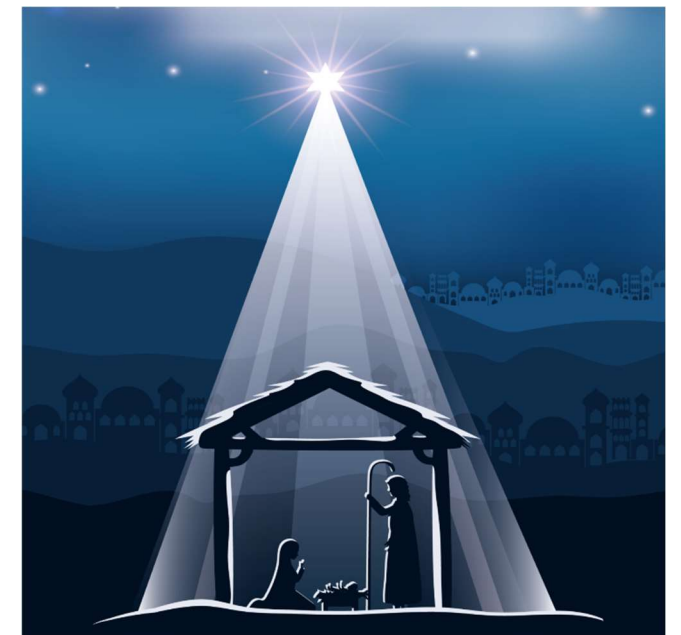
5:00 Modern Service  
Followed by Dinner for All



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## Third Sunday in Advent December 15, 2019 Music Sunday



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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!