

## 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. Joan Carter, 11:00 a.m. Bill Emslie

## 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:** *Gifts of the Heart*, by Patricia Polacco, YR FIC POL. The new housekeeper shows children how special it is to give Christmas gifts that come from the heart.

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

**Gathering Music** *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. John Barr  
*Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Diane Bish

**Welcome** Dr. Melanie Rosa

**Prelude 8:00** *The First Noel* arr. Bill Ingram  
Alleluia Handbell Ensemble  
**9:30 and 11:00** *A Christmas Lullaby* arr. Bill Ingram  
Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

† **Advent Candle Lighting** 8:00 Mike and Mendy Rushing;  
9:30 Jim and Susan Kutrubes; 11:00 Margaret Hotze

**Invocation** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Hymn of Praise** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

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

**Anthem: 8:00** *A Christmas Lullaby* arr. Bill Ingram  
Alleluia Handbell Ensemble  
**9:30 and 11:00** *One Candle Lights the Way* Albrecht/Althouse  
Sanctuary Choir

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Scripture** Isaiah 9:2-7 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Offertory** *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Bill Ingram  
Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

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

**Scripture** Luke 1:39-45 Liturgist

**Sermon** "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

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

**Postlude** *Toccata on 'In Dulci Jubilo'* Page Long


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** 2:00 p.m.--Children and Family Christmas Eve Service; 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.--Candlelight Services with carols, candles, choir and brass; 11:00 p.m.--Candlelight Service with carols, candles and Holy Communion.

### DECEMBER SERMONS: "GOODNESS AND LIGHT"


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

**PUTNAM AFTER-SCHOOL:** Mentors are needed to work one-on-one with a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grader in the Putnam after-school Science Fair Club. Project ideas and supplies are provided. We just need **you** for 8 weeks, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays (your choice) January 21 – March 12. Contact Janet Krech, [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), (907) 225-0330.

### 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.

**JANUARY BOOK STUDY:** What's your image of God? Author Lauren F. Winner reminds us that the Bible helps us locate God in clothing, smell, food, childbirth, laughter and more in her book, *Wearing God*. Offered at noon or 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, and February 5. Books: \$11. Facilitator: David Reid.

 **SPELLBINDERS STORYTELLING:** Spellbinders of Larimer County will host a free, one-hour session on "Family History through Storytelling" at 1:30 p.m. January 6, in the Northern Colorado Faith Library. Learn how to become your family's favorite storyteller. Register at AFF table or to [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

**YOUTH ICE SKATING:** At the Pond ice rink at Foothills Monday, December 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. All Youth, and parents are welcome. Entrance Cost \$7 (or \$5 with valid student ID), Skate Rental: \$3.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Bob and Margery Richmond in loving memory of their parents.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Lois Quintana and Minnie Krueger. 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

**LAST CHANCE FOR DISCIPLINES:** Order today to receive the 2020 *Disciplines* daily devotional in time for the new year. A new writer every week offers daily Scripture, devotional and prayer. Cost: \$15 or \$18 for enhanced print.



### Pastors

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

### Music Staff

**David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications**  
**Karen Stody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries**  
**Dr. David McArthur, Modern Worship Music Director**  
**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 29

First Sunday after Christmas  
"Will You Go Where I Go?"  
Matthew 26:31-35; John 21:15-19

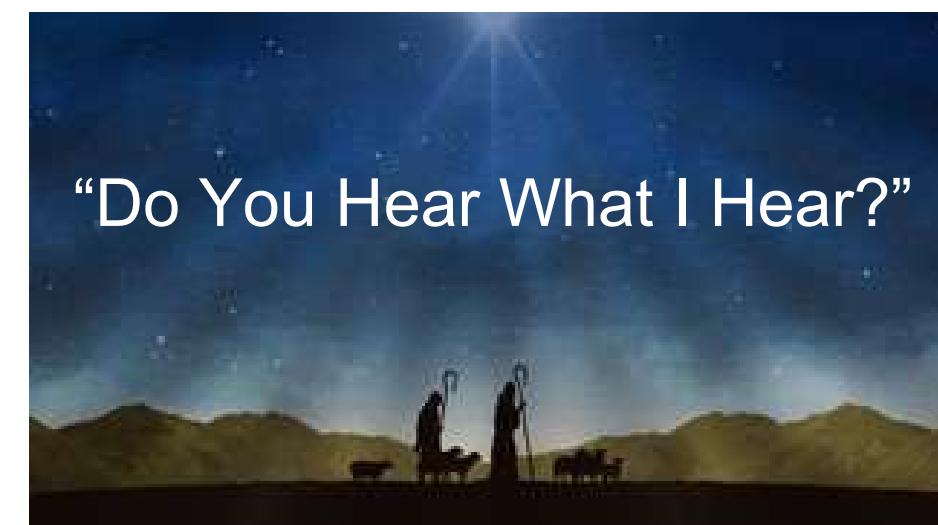
5:00 Modern Service  
Followed by Dinner for All

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**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**December 22, 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!