

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. Martha Conant, 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Lane, 11:00 a.m. John Allum

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-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. 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: *The Night of the Child:* Photographs from the Upper Room Museum Nativity Collection with text by Robert Benson, CSS 232.92 BEN, shows off a collection of beautiful, intriguing nativity scenes from Nashville.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	Variations on 'He is Born'	John Behnke
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	What Child is This? Keilani McConnell, flute	arr. Chip Davis
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	There's a Song in the Air	UMH 249
Children's Time 9:30 Hymn	Like a Child Verse 3	Barb Grauberger TFWS 2092
Anthem:	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Keilani McConnell, flute	arr. Chip Davis
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Scripture	Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75	Liturgist
Offertory	Two French Carols Keilani McConnell, flute	Brant Adams
† Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 95
Scripture	John 21:15-19	Liturgist
Sermon	"Will You Go Where I Go?" Paquette	Rev. Cynthia
† Hymn of Dedication	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	UMH 251
† Sung Benediction		
Postlude	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	Traditional

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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 (that have been delivered) for 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 MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE: Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM)

is requesting food and monetary support for reservations in our region. Donations can be made online at <https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/CONAMSupport>. Checks can be sent with a memo for CONAM Food Pantry Support to the Mountain Sky Conference DEN Office at 6110 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Greenwood Village, CO 80111.

PUTNAM AFTER-SCHOOL: Mentors are needed to work on-on-one with a 3rd, 4th, or 5th 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, (907) 225-0330.

FAITH FORMATION

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.

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.



THEOLOGY ON TAP: will meet on Tuesday, January 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Pueblo Viejo, 185 N. College Ave. Our topic will be "Could Our Community Become a Utopia?" All are welcome to join in the conversation. Questions: Janet Krech ajkrech@msn.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Joan Richard, in memory of her parents, Daniel and Betty Fadenrecht.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Linda and Ted Schlagenhauf. Thank you for your valuable service!



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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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

OK CHORALE: is a Singing Support Group for people with memory loss and their caregivers that meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor. The group also welcomes anyone and everyone who just wants to show up, sing, and have fun. We are looking for someone to lead the singers. Please contact Sandra Meyer at sgmeyeromta@gmail.com to receive more information on the group or volunteer to lead singing.

URGENT PASTORAL CARE: If you need Urgent Pastoral Care, please call the church office. If you call after church office hours (M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), please leave a voicemail for one of our pastors (ext. 123 for Dr. Melanie and ext. 122 for Rev. Cynthia). We will receive immediate notification of your voicemail and will return your call. For Emergency Assistance Fund, please call 970-494-5960 to leave a voicemail. The person on call will return your call within 24-hours.



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Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor

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Coming Next Week: January 5

Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion
"Good Years and Bad Years"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-10; John 1:10-18

5:00 Modern Service
Followed by Dinner for All



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First Sunday after Christmas December 29, 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!