

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. Sandy Merriweather, 9:30 a.m. Deborah Kohler, 11:00 a.m. John Allum

COMMUNION SERVERS 9:30 a.m. Barbara Cline, Amanda Gentile, Lois Quintana, Charissa Dull, Blake Barkoskie 11:00 a.m. Karen Knuckey, Stephanie Lane, Margaret Hotze

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-5th 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



fun and relevant to students!

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>In dulci júbilo</i> <i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	arr. Held Raymond Weidner
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>The First Noel</i>	arr. Held
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>The First Noel</i>	UMH 245
Children's Time 9:30 Hymn	<i>Like a Child</i> Verse 3	Barb Grauberger TFWS 2092
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 3:1-10	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory	In the Bleak Midwinter Pablo Romero, soloist	Gustav Holst

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† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	Liturgist
Sermon	"Darkness and Light"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Sacrament of Holy Communion	Everyone is welcome to receive communion in our church	
Communion Music	<i>Reflection on 'Joy to the World'</i> <i>Kings of Orient</i>	arr. Helman arr. Bock
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>We Three Kings</i>	UMH 254
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Postlude on Gloria</i>	arr. Payne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

OK Chorale is a Singing Support Group for people with memory loss and their caregivers that meets every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 3 to 4 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 singing. Please contact Sandra Meyer at sgmeyeromta@gmail.com to receive more information on the group or volunteer to lead singing.

If you need Urgent Pastoral Care, please call the church office. If you call after church office hours (M – F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), please leave a voicemail for one of our pastors (ext. 123 for Rev. 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.

FAITH FORMATION

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.



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.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY: offering January 19 calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This benefits neighborhood ministries through the Community Development Program (57%), community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services (33%), and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program (10%).

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY, AND DISCIPLESHIP

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH: We, here at First Church, are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session on January 26, at noon in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a chance to tour the church building. As soon as possible, please email membership@fcfumc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Diane Smith and Char Loomis. 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 this 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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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will hold their unit meeting with lunch on Thursday, January 9, at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. Laurel Kubin will be offering a program on money management for the new year. Everyone is welcome.

MUSIC MINISTRY - We are always looking for new members to grow our various choirs. If you are interested in joining any musical group, please contact David Adkins at choirdir@fcfumc.net for more information. Here are the dates that several groups resume their regular schedules after the holidays: • Carillon Bell Choir—January 8 • Alleluia Bells—January 9 • Sanctuary Choir—January 9 • Church Orchestra—January 9 • Children's Choirs—January 12

Can We Talk? Roundtable on Contemporary Racism • January 26, 12:00 noon (after 11 a.m. Worship) • Light lunch provided. Church and Society continues to offer opportunities for the congregation to consider ways in which our Christian faith affects how we think about issues of social justice and racism, sometimes unintended, on and below the surface. What is it? Where are we? What are our responsibilities? Please join us.

JUST MERCY On Jan. 19, the library will sponsor a trip to see a matinee performance of the movie Just Mercy followed by a discussion over dinner with Dr. Jessica Jackson, assistant professor of history at CSU. Full details in Fellowship Hall today or contact David Reid, 581-2707 or davidreid24@gmail.com.

Two **Suicide Prevention Workshops** will be presented by Larimer County Health District, Connections, January 23, 5:00-6:00 p.m., or January 24 10:00-11:00 a.m., Village Commons. QPR* Question a person about suicide, Persuade someone to get help, Refer someone to the appropriate resource. Learn how to support someone who is having thoughts of suicide. Register: jeri.neely@gmail.com or 970-377-9952.

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

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Coming Next Week: January 12

Baptism of the Lord

5:00 Modern Service
Followed by Dinner for All



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Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2020
“Darkness and Light”



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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!