

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. Stephanie Lane, 9:30 a.m. Joan Carter, 11:00 a.m. Jerry Wiese

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – 9:45 a.m. Please sign your children in 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.

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: *Outlandish: An Unlikely Messiah; a Messy Ministry and the Call to Mobilize* by Derek Penwell, 232 PEN. The author, a Disciples of Christ pastor in Louisville, Ky., shows how the radically different methods of Jesus can help you and your community change the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne</i>	D. Buxtehude
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>Fanfare for a New Day</i>	Lani Smith
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	UMH
400		
Children's Time 9:30		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>Like a Child</i>	TFWS 2092
	Verse 3	
Anthem 8:00	<i>La fille aux cheveux de Lin</i>	Claude Debussy
	Brenna Martin, piano solo	
9:30 and 11:00	<i>New Year</i>	John Rutter
	Sanctuary Choir	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00	<i>God Has Shown Us What Is Good</i>	Hal Hopson
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1-7	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory	<i>Romance</i>	Saint-Saëns
	Brenna Martin, French horn solo	
† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	Matthew 3:13-17	Liturgist
Sermon	"Beloved Child"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	UMH 377
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Carillon Toccata</i>	Douglas Wagner

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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 at noon on January 26 in Fellowship Hall 3. 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. Please email membership@fcfumc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

OK CHORALE: is a Singing Support Group for people with memory issues 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.

URGENT PASTORAL CARE: 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.

GRIEF GROUP: Moving on after the death of a loved one is difficult. Join our group on January 14 and 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Talking about concerns with those on the same journey helps. Questions? JoAn Hopkins 970-222-5925

PRAYER SHAWL KNIT IN: Come help us welcome our new PRAYER SHAWL KNIT IN year! Saturday January 18 in the Parlor from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., meet new folks, new yarns and new techniques using looms for warm winter hat making. Materials provided.

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.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY: 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%).

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of Eileen Gaymon's life.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Marilyn and Jerry Koop and Shirley Myers. Thank you for your valuable service!

YOUTH BAKE SALE: From 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Youth will have their bake sale to support their summer mission trips to Alamosa, and Navajo Nation in Arizona! Next month, we will also have our bake sale on the second Sunday of the month. Come and get your goodies and support youth missions!

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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 15 • Alleluia Bells—January 16 • Sanctuary Choir—January 9 • Church Orchestra—January 15 • Children's Choirs—January 12

CAN WE TALK? Roundtable on Contemporary Racism • January 26, noon in the Parlor, 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: Only a handful of reservations remain for the dinner and discussion at Canino's Restaurant on January 19 with Dr. Jessica Jackson of CSU about the new movie, *Just Mercy*. Latest info on this Northern Colorado Faith Library event in Fellowship Hall or at davidreid24@gmail.com.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOPS: will be presented by Larimer County Health District, Connections, 5:00-6:00 p.m. January 23 or 10:00-11:00 a.m. January 24 Village Commons. QPR* **Q**uestion a person about suicide, **P**ersuade someone to get help, **R**efer 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.

NEW WRITERS GROUP FORMING: Interested in becoming a member of a church writing group? Need a place to share your work with other writers? Experienced and beginner writers of both fiction and non-fiction are invited to an organizational meeting for the **Wesleyan Scribes** at 1:30 p.m., February 4 in the church Library Study Room. Full details available at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall. Contact Kathy Kuenzer, kuenzerka@yahoo.com.

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THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: For our first get-together in 2020 we're going to have lunch at Canino's, 613 South College Avenue in Fort Collins. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 16. There is parking on the west side of College or in the rear of the restaurant. The driveway to the parking lot is at the immediate south side of the front door canopy. All are welcome. For more information, please contact JudySayreGrim@gmail.com.

SPIRITUALITY OF MR. ROGERS: Fort Collins' own Rich Thompson presents insights from his encounters with PBS television's Mr. Rogers. Both were Presbyterian clergy. This free presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. February 12, in the Parlor.

FIRST YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SLEDDING: Middle Schoolers are taking an overnight trip to Buckhorn Camp, February 16-17. We will sled, have dinner together, play games, and connect. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Youth Director Josh Malave youth@fcfumc.net. Cost: \$10.

BOOK SALE HELP: Sorting, setup, sales and cleanup help is needed during the two weeks preceding and during the library's major fundraiser February 7, 8 and 9. Sign up for a slot in Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORS: Three more elementary students need one-on-one mentors to help them perform an easy science fair experiment at the Putnam After School Club. Six Tuesdays from 3:40 to 5:00 p.m., starting January 28, two teachers will be available for help and questions. Contact Janet Krech ajkrech@msn.com, 970-225-0330

HABITAT MULTIFAITH BUILD BAKE SALE: February 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Calling all bakers: it is time to show off your baking skills. Please generously donate baked goods for this sale by bringing them to the church office between January 27 and 31, or the Fellowship Hall before 9:00 a.m. February 2. Proceeds from this sale will go to fund Becky Ailor's and her daughter, Ember's Habitat for Humanity Home. Please give generously as you purchase the baked goods on February 2!

FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY: Join our team of volunteers at the **Food Bank for Larimer County Warehouse**, 5706 Wright Dr., Loveland, tomorrow January 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Its lots of fun sorting food donations and repackaging large portions into family size portions. Sign-up sheets and map are in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall. Questions Call Ruben Lopez (903) 676-8089.

Coming Next Week: January 19

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

"Like...Share"

Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42

5:00 Modern Service

Followed by Dinner for All

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Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020 "Beloved Child"



The Baptism of Christ

Painting by Bartolome Esteban Murillo

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

Thank you for joining us today!