

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 your children in at the Children’s Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children join their parents/guardians for worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children’s Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children grades K-5 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.



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 a.m. every Sunday. Join our Youth Director and leaders in the Youth basement for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth that are fun and relevant to students!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS—Please join us.

- 8:00 a.m. Adventures in Faith Men’s Group—Conference Room
- 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



ORDER OF WORSHIP 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	Children of the Heavenly Father Dr. Joel Bacon, organ	Joyce Jones
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	“A Joyous Ring” The Carillon Bell Choir	Douglas E. Wagner
Call to Worship		Olivia Barkoskie
*Hymn of Praise	Jesus Loves Me	UMH #191
Presentation of 3 rd Grade Bibles (9:30)		
Chorus (9:30)	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offering Our Gifts to God		Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Ways to give to First Church:

- 1. Give online at <https://fcfumc.net/> or on the First UMC App (Click on Give).
- 2. Text to give 1 800 364 GIVE (4483) (Text Message FirstChurch).
- 3. Automatic draft through online giving.
- 4. Check or cash

(Every loose \$1 bill goes to those in need).


Offertory	The Children of the World Sanctuary Choir	Terre Johnson
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
Scripture	Genesis 15:1-6 Matthew 18:1-5	Corey Putman Olivia Barkoskie
Sermon	“A Disciple’s Path: Faith Development”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Hymn of Dedication	This Little Light of Mine	UMH #585
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	Postlude on All Things Bright and Beautiful Dr. Joel Bacon, organ	Thomas Hewitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERMONS:

- Oct 10: “A Disciple’s Path: Faith Development” Genesis 15:1-6, Matthew 18:1-5
- Oct 17: “A Disciple’s Path: Readiness” Luke 12:32-40

FAITH FORMATION



REV. DAVID DALKE will discuss his book, *Don’t Miss It: Four Seasons of Stories that Spark Enjoyment* at 7 p.m. October 13 in the Parlor. Books and CDs will be available for purchase at the event. Rev. Charles Schuster, who had been scheduled to host this event is unable to attend due to health reasons. Full details at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don’t have to journey that path alone. Our Grief Support Group is available to help you through lonely, sad and difficult times. This group meets twice a month and is free to anyone. We promise not to try to “fix you” but will share the path with you and offer suggestions for healing. Join us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting October 12 at noon in the church conference room. Enter the church through the east entrance off of Stover Street. Contact JoAn Hopkins (JODHOP@hotmail.com, 970-222-5925) or the church office (administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net, 970-482-2436) for more information.

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY & DISCIPLESHIP

CHILI COOKOFF FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP
OCTOBER 24, 4:45 – 6 PM, SOUTH PARKING LOT

In line with fall, First Church is having its Annual Chili Cook Off on **OCTOBER 24 from 4:45 to 6 pm**. It is the tradition of First Church to have all of you to bring a pot of chili to compete for the top three chili prizes and share it with others. This year, the bonus is you do not need to pay anything to compete. You just need to:

- 1) Bring a pot of chili to the Fellowship Hall by 4:15 PM for judges to taste
- 2) At 4:45 PM, bring your pot of chili out to the south parking lot and serve to everyone

We hope to have up to 20 pots of chili. If you just want to bring a pot of chili to share and not compete for a prize, you can definitely do so. Just bring your chili to the south parking lot at 4:45 pm.

Please sign up using the link below or at the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning if you would like to bring a pot of chili to compete and/or to share. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aaab22a7fc1-chili>

If you just want to come enjoy some chili and not bring anything, you are welcome to do so.

Whether or not you bring a pot of chili to share, please be generous with your donations to the Youth Mission Trip. This is one of two annual all church events that benefit the Youth.



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 am Sherri Wahlgren, John Allum, Charissa Dull, Kate Bickley, Raymond Anderson, Lincoln Anderson, Ella Nguyen
11:00 am Jeff Librant, Eric Wilkinson

GREETERS 9:30 am Alex Bickley, Lincoln Anderson, Quincy Gerhardt, Finley Gerhardt
11:00 am Kate Bickley, Alex Bickley

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3RD GRADE BIBLE RECIPIENTS:



Raymond Anderson	Alex Koshy
Olivia Barkoskie	Alder Lopez
Kate Bickley	Nathan Moyer
Madison Buckner	Adam Putman
Olivia Defoor	Liza Rogers

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH: We at First Church are vigilant about protecting all who enter our building from the spread of illness in light of the coronavirus. We take your wellness seriously and will do all in our power to minimize any risk of infection or transmission. Please wear a mask and maintain safe practices. Thank you.

COLUMBARIUM OPEN HOUSE - Today between the 1st and 2nd service. Come out to the Columbarium and have any questions you have answered.



OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

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

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*
Dr. Joel Bacon, *Organist*
Karen Stooddy, *Organist Emeritus*

Program Staff

Barb Gauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*
Victoria Burkett, *Director of Youth and Young Adult 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

Jim Doser, *Worship Technology Lead*
Nathan Abrahamson, *Worship Technology Assistant*
Shelley Nelson, *Administrative & Communications Assistant*
Shauna Bjork, *Accountant*
Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*
Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary*
Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*
Jake Kinner, *Custodian*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

Coming Next Week: October 17th

21st Sunday after Pentecost
"A Disciple's Path: Readiness"
Luke 12:32-40



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Children's Sabbath

**"A Disciple's Path:
Faith Development"**



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Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00. There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!