

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	<i>Prelude</i> Dr. Joel Bacon, organ	Claude Balbastre
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Now Let Us Pray to the Holy Spirit</i> Dr. Joel Bacon, organ	Dieterich Buxtehude
Call to Worship		9:30 Mike Kohler 11:00 Bill Emslie
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above</i>	UMH #96
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Barb Graubeger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Anthem	<i>Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Andre Thomas
Offering Our Gifts to God		Dr. Melanie Rosa

Ways to give to First Church:

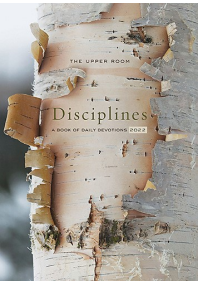
- 1. Give online at <https://fcfumc.net/> or on the First UMC App (Click on Give).
- 2. Text to give 1 800 364 GIVE (4483) (Text Message FirstChurch).
- 3. Automatic draft through online giving.
- 4. Check or cash

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

Offertory	<i>You Do Not Walk Alone</i> Ivy Taylor, Soloist	Elanie Hagenberg
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Luke 12:32-40	9:30 Mike Kohler 11:00 Bill Emslie
Sermon	“A Disciple’s Path: Readiness”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Hymn of Dedication	<i>O Jesus I Have Promised</i>	UMH #396
Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Allegro from Concerto in A minor</i> Dr. Joel Bacon, organ	Antonio Vivaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION



THE 2022 UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES will be available at the Adult Faith Formation table beginning October 17. The price is \$17 for regular type or \$20 for enlarged type. This book of daily devotions includes selections by a different writer each week. Featured writers include Amy Oden, Colorado’s Patricia Raybon, Bishop Will Willimon and Juan Carlos Huertas

DO YOU HAVE A WILL? Has your will been reviewed or updated recently? Have you talked openly with family and loved ones about your plans? Please join us on November 7th at noon in the Parlor for a free presentation on estate planning where attorney Mike Miller will discuss the things everyone should know about estate planning regardless of your age. Mike will discuss and have handouts for:

- 1: Medical power of attorney.
- 2: General (finances) power of attorney
- 3: Last will and testament

After the presentation Mike will answer any questions you may have, and Mike will be able to provide the expertise to create the legal documents described above at a discounted price.

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY & DISCIPLESHIP

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

To compete in the Chili competition:

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

You can also bring a pot of chili to share and not compete for a prize. Just bring your chili to the south parking lot at 4:45 pm. Sign up to bring chili using the link below or at the Fellowship Hall. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aabb22a7fc1-chili>

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

Please bring your favorite lawn chair to sit on and a blanket to keep you warm.

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 Hannah Hatheway, David Rubenthaler,
John Ahlbrandt
11:00 am Shan Watkins, Eric Wilkinson

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Janet Shupe in honor of our church ministers and staff.

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.



OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR will finally launch the fall and Christmas season with a celebration and rehearsal on Sunday, **October 17!** For this one week, all of our kids will meet together to sing songs, play games, get to know your directors, and have fun. Going forward there will be two choirs, "Cherubs" (5K - 1st grade), and "Joyful Noise" (2nd - 4th grade). These choirs meet each Sunday from 10:30 -11:00 a.m. We hope you will join us!

For the safety of all, masks are required at all times during choir. We look forward to the day when they are not necessary.



COLUMBARIUM NEWS

Due to increasing costs, especially with engraving, the Columbarium Committee has found it necessary to increase prices beginning January 1, 2022.

The January 2022 increases will allow time for those, with any affiliation to First Church, to purchase a niche or engraving on any of the Remembrance Walls at the

existing price between now and January 1.

New prices will be: Single Person Niche \$1,000, Two Person Niche \$1,400, Remembrance Wall Engraving \$400 per name.

In an effort to accommodate those who have interest or questions regarding the Columbarium we will be having an **OPEN HOUSE**, in the Columbarium on **October 17th** between the first and second service 10:15 and 11:00 weather permitting. If we have inclement weather there will be a table in Fellowship Hall during those same times. You are also welcome to talk to any Columbarium Committee member: Ted Schlagenhauf, Don Lybecker, Kate Norton, Barbara Hagen, Stephanie Lane, Marilee Rowe or Bonnie Thomas for additional information.

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 24th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Dr. Robert Firebaugh preaching
"I Want to See"
Mark 10:46-52



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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

**“A Disciple’s Path:
Readiness”**



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