

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

*Please stand as you are able		
Gathering Music	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Piet Post
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>Aria</i>	Jan Bender
*Call to Worship		9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Martha Conant
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UMH #451
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Look to the Day</i> Sanctuary Choir	John Rutter
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	<i>Abide with Me</i> David Adkins, <i>handbells</i> /Alyssa Banister, <i>flute</i>	arr. Cathy Moklebust
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Mark 10:46-52	9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Martha Conant
Sermon	“I Want to See”	Dr. Bob Firebaugh
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Open My Eyes that I May See</i>	UMH #454
Benediction		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Postlude	<i>Postlude on an Irish Hymn, op. 101, no. 5</i>	C.V. Stanford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION



THE 2022 UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES are available at the Adult Faith Formation table. 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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP CARE TEAM: Starting this morning and for most if not all Sunday mornings, there will be one Sunday Worship Care Team member seated at a marked pew just outside the Sanctuary who will attend to medical and emotional emergencies during the 9:30 AM worship service. Members of this team have medical or mental health training. If there is a medical emergency, if needed, this person will respond appropriately and take the lead to call 911. If someone is experiencing emotional distress, this person will also reach out to provide care. If during worship, you or someone could use help from the Sunday Worship Care Team, please reach out to the person.

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 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.

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.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 am Josh Keller, Whitney Pennington, Randie Bell
11:00 am Shan Watkins, Eric Wilkinson

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

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.

CANCELLED: Chili Cookoff Due to very few people signing up to bring chili to compete in the competition or share with others, we are CANCELLING the Chili Cookoff event scheduled on October 24. Trunk or Treat will continue with a hot chocolate bar run by the Youth as a Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip.



WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY & 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 November 14 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 virtual tour of the church building. Please email membership@fcfumc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by November 9 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided but must be reserved by November 9.

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: November 7th

24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday/Communion
"Stronger Together: Our Hope"
Hebrews 12:1-2



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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

"I Want to See"



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