

## 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 *A Mighty Fortress* Timothy Albrecht

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship 9:30 Kelly McBartlett  
11:00 Mike Kohler

\*Hymn of Praise *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH #110

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 Dr. Melanie Rosa

Anthem *Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song* Eugene Butler  
Sanctuary Choir

Offering Our Gifts to God Dr. Melanie Rosa

### Ways to give to First Church:

1. Give online at <https://fcumc.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 *Duetto* Felix Mendelssohn

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

Scripture Romans 3:21-28 9:30 Kelly McBartlett  
11:00 Mike Kohler

Sermon "A Never-Ending Reformation" Dr. Melanie Rosa

\*Hymn of Dedication *In the Midst of New Dimensions* TFWS #2238

Benediction Dr. Melanie Rosa

Postlude *Toccata in D Minor* J.S. Bach

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**UMC UPDATE:** I wanted to update you on how the UMC is moving forward in dealing with the issue of full inclusion for our LGBTQ+ siblings, which we have been debating for over 40 years. Since a regressive General Conference in 2019, the church has been on the brink of schism. Initially we were advancing a Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation, which would keep the UMC intact and allow local churches to determine their own position and practices regarding full inclusion. A special General Conference was scheduled in 2020 to consider this, but cancelled during the pandemic. Since then, the Traditionalists, those opposed to full inclusion in the church, agreed to separate and form their own denomination called the Global Methodist Church. There are financial incentives for this separation, but so far, no decisions have been made, and it is still unclear if General Conference will meet as planned in Minneapolis next September. What is clear that a formal separation is likely inevitable (and welcome to many of us) and the UMC will remain in some form, without those opposed to the full inclusion of our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers. I will keep you posted as events unfold.

Dr. Melanie Rosa

**REV. CHARLES SCHUSTER:** The Reverend Doctor Charles Schuster served our church for 9 years and was admired and respected by so many. He passed away last week, and his book "Angels We Have Heard Are High" is for sale in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will benefit our Faith Library, as he intended.

**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 today 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 he will be able to provide the expertise to create the legal documents described above at a discounted price.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP CARE TEAM:** Out of our church's concern for the safety and well-being of worshippers, 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. We understand that, perhaps, the person experiencing difficulty would prefer not have attention called to them and not to have 911 contacted but it is important, both for the well-being of the person and insurance purposes that the Worship Care Team have the ability and authority to make that call. 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 member, please reach out to them.

## 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 Minnie Krueger in appreciation of our Sunday School workers.

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Robert Kiser

**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.



### 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.

### 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



## 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/Artist in Residence**  
**Karen Stoody, 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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**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 31, 2021**

**"A Never-Ending Reformation"**



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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!**