

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>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. Winkler
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. Winkler
*Call to Worship		9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Stephanie Lane
*Hymn of Praise	<i>For All the Saints</i> , v. 1-4	UMH #711
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
Remembering the Saints		
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>In My Father’s House</i> Sanctuary Choir	Philip Stopford
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1-2	9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Stephanie Lane
Sermon	“Stronger Together: Our Hope”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>For All the Saints</i> , v. 1-6 Sung to the tune of ENGELBERG	UMH #711
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>When the Saints</i>	Rebecca Groom te Velde

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to stop by Fellowship Hall between services to choose a shawl for anyone needing care and comfort either for yourself or for a friend who is going through troubling times.

These beautiful shawls and prayer squares have been lovingly made, faithfully dedicated and are freely given. We would be honored for you to choose one.



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



TO ALL WOMEN: SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday Afternoon, February 27, 2022
“You’re INVITED: Hospitality Begins with You and Me”
An Afternoon with Fort Collins own Leslie Verner, FUMC Fellowship Hall, 2 to 4:00 PM.

Leslie Verner authored the book *INVITED: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness*. Her literary genre includes faith, family and cross-cultural issues. Leslie, her husband and three children reside in Fort Collins. Join other women for a stimulating afternoon with famed author Leslie Verner.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 am Elinor Bickley, MacKenna Matthews, Joe Ahlbrandt, Brian Grauberger
11:00 am Pam Metzger, Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Cole

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.



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.

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.

TODAY, WE REMEMBER OUR SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Ronald L. Menking
Linda Kay Shearin
George Ivan Slone
Eleanor Susan Lehman
Nola Delle Mason
Carrol Lee Hoover
Marlene Joyce Kelly
Margaret May Lee
Betty Jane Slone
Lucille Arlene Short
Ronald Gale Sarlo
William H. May
Donald Henry Niewald
Ernest Roy Martz
Myrtle Louise Batch
Agnes Marie Benedict
Kathleen Ann Kuenzer
Phyllis Yvonne Farver
Anne Marie Kylan
Eleanor Louise McCord Thomas
Lorraine (Lorrie) Wagner
Roger Bruce Cavender
Debra Ann Brack
Marshall Carl Petring
Lloyd Champ Helper
Gerald Arthur Sampson
Buddy Max Anderson
Rhonda Kay Hageman
Shirley Liggett Johnson
Joanne Rowe
Carol Lee Echols
Neva Marie Lawton
Rae Marius Batch
Margaret Janet Welsh
John Dixon Staples
Charles Schuster

Coming Next Week: November 14th

25th Sunday after Pentecost
“Stronger Together: Our Potential”
Mark 10:17-27



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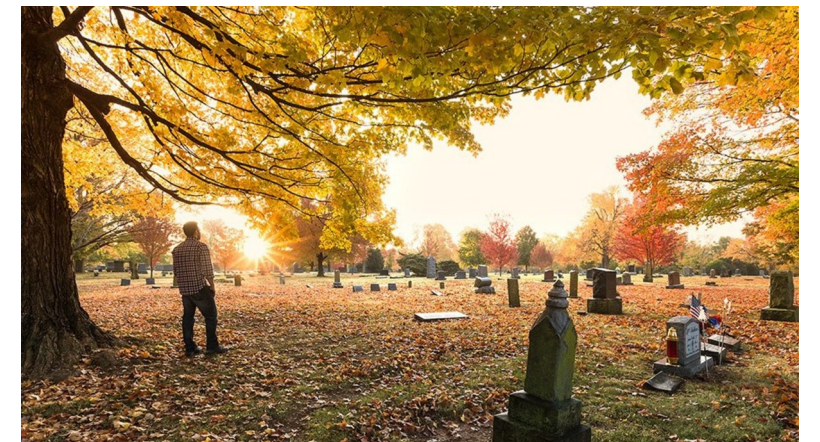
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24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021

“Stronger Together: Our Hope”



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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!