

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	Fanfare	John Cook
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	For the Fruits of This Creation	Frank Stoldt
*Call to Worship		9:30 John Allum 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	For the Fruit of All Creation Sung to the tune of AR HYD NOS	UMH #97
Chorus (9:30)	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Chorus (9:30)	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Anthem	How Great Thou Art Sanctuary Choir	Rev. Cynthia Paquette arr. Dan Forrest
Offering Our Gifts to God		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<div>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).</div>		
Offertory	Shaker Tune Joel Bacon, organ / David Adkins, piano	arr. Joel Raney
*Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
Scripture	Mark 10:17-27	9:30 John Allum 11:00 Jerry Wiese
Sermon	“Stronger Together: Our Potential”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
*Hymn of Dedication	Let All Things Now Living	TFWS #2008
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	Robert Powell

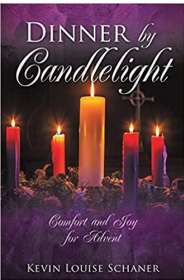
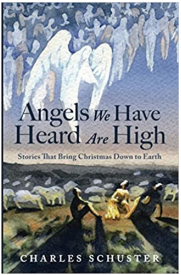
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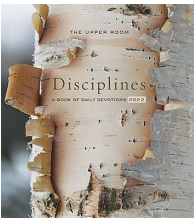
PUTNAM ELEMENTARY needs Christmas Angels to provide gifts for students and siblings. Look for wish lists in Fellowship Hall Mission Corner TODAY and partner with another Angel or two to make this a group project if you’d like. Contact Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com, 225-0330 with any questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Copies of Rev. Dr. Charles Schuster’s book, Angels We Have Heard Are High, will be available to order at the Adult Faith Formation table this morning. There is no set price; your donation benefits the Northern Colorado Faith Library, as he requested.



Dinner by Candlelight: Comfort and Joy for Advent has been chosen for study during the upcoming season of Advent. Join discussions of the book and share your Advent memories and hopes on December 1, 8, 15 and 22. David Reid will facilitate the noon section in person. Kate and Rick Norton will facilitate discussions on Zoom only at 7 p.m. Contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581- 2707 to register. Books are \$12.



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.

TRANSITION TO NEW MINISTRY: David Reid is going to pursue a new and exciting role effective February 2022. While David considers his work with Adult Faith Formation and the Northern Colorado Faith Library to be the most important work of his life, he believes that now is the right time to turn this position over to new leadership as he is excited by a new opportunity that will benefit the church and rejuvenate him – helping bring community organizing to Northern Colorado. Community organizing is an evolving area of discipleship that will work to provide meaningful community engagement and growth. It addresses issues such as poverty, affordable housing, racism, and justice, bringing diverse people, faith communities and non-profits together to work for the common good of all. Starting February 2022 or after a new Director of Faith Formation and Library is hired, whichever comes first, David will continue to work at First Church as a consultant for adult faith and library until he fully transitions to work with community organizing. David wants everyone to know that the Adult Faith Formation and the Northern Colorado Faith Library aren't going away and that community organizing could be an opportunity for church members to participate in an interesting new ministry.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 am Jeff Johnson, Judy Kinner, Sarah Johnson
11:00 am Susan Leinhart, Jeff Librant

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Norma Cowell in memory of Rev. Jim Cowell.

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.

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 today** 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.



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 for **COMMITMENT SUNDAY** as we dedicate our estimate of giving cards to further our ministry of healing and hope in 2022.

We will celebrate with **PIE**, so bring your favorite pie to share. We have so very much to be thankful for.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates prayer shawls and squares for those who are going through troubled times and are in need of care and comfort. These beautiful items have been lovingly made, faithfully dedicated and are freely given. If you, or someone you know, is in need of comfort, contact the church office and come by to choose from our supply.



FAITH FORMATION



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.

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 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*

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Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

Coming Next Week: November 21st

26th Sunday after Pentecost
"Stronger Together: Our Legacy"
Luke 3:1-6

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our **ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE** will be held Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm, following a brief Church Council meeting at 6:30. We will look at the year just past and discuss our hopes and dreams for 2022. It will be via Zoom, and if you are interested, contact the office for a Zoom link. Everyone is welcome.



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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

"Stronger Together: Our Potential"



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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!