

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 except the first Sunday of the month. 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! On the first Sunday of the month, students and leaders worship together in the sanctuary.

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	Now Thank We All Our God	J.S. Bach (arr. Fox)
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	We Gather Together	Matthew Corl
*Call to Worship		Deborah Kohler
*Hymn of Praise	We Gather Together	UMH #131
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		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	For the Beauty of the Earth Sanctuary Choir	arr. 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	Come, Ye Thankful People Come The Carillon Handbell Choir	arr. Janet Linker
*Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:16-19	Deborah Kohler
Sermon	“Stronger Together: Our Legacy”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Dedicating Our Gifts to God		
*Hymn of Commitment	Now Thank We All Our God	UMH #102
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	Now Thank We All Our God	Sigfrid Karg-Elert

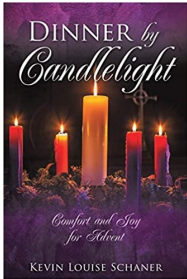
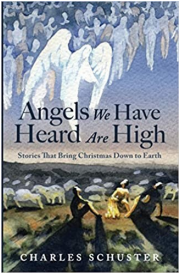
ANNOUNCEMENTS

"FIRST WIRE" WILL NOW BE PUBLISHED ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK

"First Wire", the weekly digital newsletter from FUMC, will now be published on Tuesday rather than Thursday of each week. This greatly helps office work flow by evenly dividing the work throughout the week. Due to the new publishing day, the deadline to submit brief articles and announcements for "First Wire" will be at noon on Thursday. Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to provide our congregation with the most current information and make it available in a timely manner.

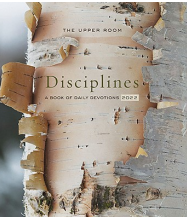
FAITH FORMATION

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, David Rubenthaler, Kristen Rubenthaler
11:00 am Daphne Bear, Jeff Librant

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Robert Kiser

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Chuck Schuster by Dale and Martha Conant

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES



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.

FAITH FORMATION



SAVE THE DATE! Advent Workshop 2021

When: Sunday, December 5th, 2:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

Where: Fellowship Hall and the Parlor

What: Come join us as we celebrate the Advent season. Christmas and winter themed crafts are

set up at different stations for children to create. This is a church wide event. Everyone is encouraged to help make this a special event. We need crafters to host craft tables. If interested please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAB22A7FC1-advent> or contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfmc.net.

MISSION

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.



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 & Volunteer Coordinator*
Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*
Jake Kinner, *Custodian*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

Coming Next Week: November 28th

First Sunday of Advent
UM Student Day Offering
"The Inn: Hope"
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THANKSGIVING, and due to no evening meetings, the church building will be closed at 5 PM on Monday (11/22), Tuesday (11/23), and Wednesday (11/24). The church building will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (11/25) and the day after Thanksgiving (11/26).
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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26th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
November 21, 2021

"Stronger Together: Our Legacy"



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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.

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