

# 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

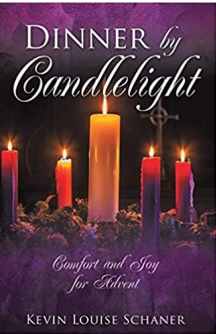
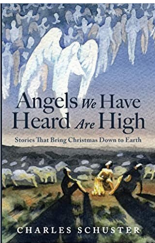
# ORDER OF WORSHIP 9:30 • 11:00

*Please stand as you are able		
Gathering Music	<i>Fantasia on ‘Veni Emmanuel’</i>	Alec Rowley
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Sleepers Wake!, BWV 645</i>	J.S. Bach
Lighting the First Advent Candle	9:30 Jayme, Cory, Scout, Ruby Harper 11:00 Linda & Jim Whitlock	
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	UMH #196
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Star-Child (v. 1, v. 5, chorus)</i>	TFWS #2095
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Star-Child (v. 1, v. 5, chorus)</i>	TFWS #2095
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Every Valley</i> Sanctuary Choir	John Ness Beck
Offering Our Gifts to God		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
<b>Ways to give to First Church:</b> 1. Give online at <a href="https://fcfumc.net/">https://fcfumc.net/</a> 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>Every Valley Shall Be Exalted from <u>Messiah</u></i> Pablo Romero, tenor	G. F. Handel
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5	9:30 Martha Conant 11:00 Bill Emslie
Sermon	“The Inn: Hope”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Hymn of Commitment	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	UMH #206
Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 661</i>	J.S. Bach

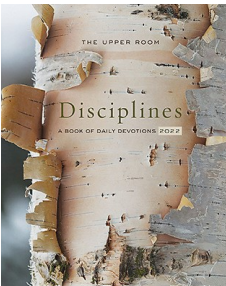
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 Huert.



**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@fcfumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfumc.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](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), 225-0330 with any questions.



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS** 9:30 am Sandy Odenbach, Sandy Merriweather, Steve Speltz  
11:00 am Shan Watkins, Charissa Dull

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Susan Massa

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Sarah and Jeff Johnson

**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.



**UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY** is celebrated the Sunday after Thanksgiving each year. This fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today this special offering provides scholarships to students in a variety of educational endeavors. Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students. On average, \$5.5 million is awarded to students who apply. Unfortunately, each year up to 1,000 qualified students do not receive a scholarship due to lack of funding. 100% of the donation you provide is used for loans and scholarships to help prepare leaders for the church and the world. The funds are distributed at 45% for loans, 37% for scholarships, 16% for United Methodist schools and 2% for grants. Your gifts help supplement the financial needs of today's students. 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

**ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Join us as we explore ways to make more room in our lives for housing the Holy.

November 28 First Sunday in Advent

**"The Inn: Hope"** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5

December 5 Second Sunday of Advent/Communion

**"The Inn: Peace"** Isaiah 2:1-5; John 14:27-28

December 12 Third Sunday in Advent/Christmas Music Sunday

December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**"The Inn: Joy"** Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 2:8-10

December 24 Christmas Eve 2:00, 5:00, 7:00 pm

**"The Inn: Love"** Luke 2:1-20

December 26 First Sunday after Christmas--

**ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:30 am**

## 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 Stoodly**, *Organist Emeritus*

### Program Staff

**Barb Grauberger**, *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: December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion  
"The Inn: Peace"  
Isaiah 2:1-5, John 14:27-28

### MISSION

#### **WAYS TO SUPPORT FFH (FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY) AND FHN (FAMILY HOUSING NETWORK) OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

**Toiletries Drive:** Toilet paper, Kleenex, full bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash.

**Cleaning Supply Drive:** Paper towels, Windex, air freshener, Lysol, toilet bowl cleaner, Pine-sol, Pledge, all-purpose-spray.

**Gift Card Drive:** King Soopers, Wal-Mart, ARC.

**Day Center:** Wipes, diapers-size 5 and 6.



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## First Sunday of Advent UM Student Day Offering November 28, 2021



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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!**