

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

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| *Please stand as you are able | | |
| Gathering Music | Comfort, Comfort Ye My People The Carillon Handbell Choir | Kevin McChesney |
| Welcome | | Dr. Melanie Rosa |
| Processional | Gloria in Excelsis Deo Sanctuary Choir / Ivy Taylor, soloist | Doug Holck |
| Lighting the Third Advent Candle | 9:30 Rob, Karen, Evan, Colin Kiser 11:00 Mary Ann Michels & Peter Stackhouse | |
| *Hymn of Praise | Sing We Now of Christmas | UMH #237 |
| Chorus (9:30) | Star-Child (v. 1, v. 5, chorus) | TFWS #2095 |
| Children’s Message | | Barb Grauberger |
| Chorus (9:30) | Star-Child (v. 1, v. 5, chorus) | TFWS #2095 |

Gloria
I - Allegro vivace
II— Andante / Ivy Taylor, soloist
III - Vivace e ritmico
by John Rutter / performed by
First Church Singers, Members of the Fort Collins Symphony Brass,
Organ and Percussion

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 Here We Come a Caroling Patricia Hurlbutt
The Carillon Handbell Choir

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

Christmas Flourish
by John Randol Bass / performed by
The Sanctuary Choir, Members of the Fort Collins Symphony Brass,
Organ and Percussion
Kit Matzke, soloist

Benediction Dr. Melanie Rosa

Postlude Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Charles Ore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION
ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Join us as we explore ways to make more room in our lives for housing the Holy.
December 12 Third Sunday of 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

First United Methodist Church
Fort Collins, Colorado
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You’re Invited
This Christmas Eve
December 24
2:00 PM
Worship with Young Children in Mind
“The ABCs of Christmas”
5:00 and 7:00 PM
With Choir, Organ, and String Quartet

FINANCIAL PEACE University
Would you like to be debt free months, years or decades before you planned? Millions of folks have, and you can too. Please join us for Financial Peace University, a 9-week class on how to be debt free and enjoy life more. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, January 12 to March 9, at our church. Anyone is welcome to attend, so invite your family and friends. Don Silar will be available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays between services and can be contacted at dfsilar@aol.com. You can also register at Financialpeace.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
NOTES FROM DONNA NEWKIRK, FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
I now have a mailbox on the wall to the right of the main office labeled “Community Nursing”. Please feel free to submit any non-urgent questions or concerns. I am also very happy to announce that I will soon be doing blood pressures checks at least once a month between worship services and after the 11:00 service. More details to come. If you have any further questions, you can also contact me at (970) 744-8812 or at D.NewkirkANP@gmail.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 am Judy Kinner, Chris Weber, Bob Pawlikowski
11:00 am Susan Leinhart, Jeff Librant

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

FLOWERS: Flowers are given by David Adkins in honor of all of the musicians who share their gifts with us throughout the year.

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.

HOLIDAY HOURS: The church building will be closed on Dec. 25, 27 and 28. We will have a service at 9:30 am on Dec 26 and the church will be open from 8:00 am—11:00 am on that day. The building will also be closed on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 3. On Jan. 2, the church will be open for worship services from 8:00 am—1:00 pm.

MISSIONS

SILENT AUCTION for Nativity Creches in Mission Corner:

There will be a silent auction of 10-12 Nativity Creches crafted by members of the Open Hearts Sunday School class to raise funds toward a Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity house next year. These hand-crafted items will be displayed on tables in the Mission Corner along with bidding sheets.



TOYS AND CLOTHES FOR KIDS : We are collecting toys and games for children up to 16 years of age. We will also accept books, coats, and sweat shirts. We will be collecting these gifts in the parlor on December 12th. If you cannot shop, you are welcome to donate money toward this cause and we will do the shopping.

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.

The guest instrumentalists for worship today were funded entirely by donations from:

Sarah Brooks
Sheryl Holt (*In memory of Dr. Charles Schuster*)
Keith & Joyce Metcalf (*In honor and in memory of family and friends who have supported us in our music*)

Barbara Paddack
Craig & Lorraine Shuler
Gordon Smith
Nancy Symes
Sharon Wilshusen
Joe & Beverly Winsett
Anonymous

Gloria and Christmas Flourish are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our beloved choir members who passed away in 2020 and 2021: Gerry Sampson, Carol Echols, and Kathy Kuenzer

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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*
Brenna Martin, *Children's Choir Coordinator*
Abigale Gilson, *Children's Choir Director*
Karen Stooddy, *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*
Sauna 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 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent
"The Inn: Joy"
Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 2:8-10



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Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Music Sunday December 12, 2021

Sounds of the Season

Sunday, December 12, 2021
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gloria

by John Rutter / performed by
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Christmas Flourish

by Randol Alan Bass / performed by
The Sanctuary Choir, Members of the Fort Collins Symphony Brass,
Organ and Percussion

Additional familiar carols presented by
The Carillon Handbell Choir

Please join us and invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to be your guest!
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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!