

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.
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

*Please stand as you are able		
Gathering Music	<i>March, op. 77, no. 2</i>	Alexandre Guilmant
Welcome		Victoria Burkett
Prelude	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
*Call to Worship		9:30 John Allum 11:00 Sandi Merriweather
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	UMH #340
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Walk with Me</i>	TFWS #2242
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Walk with Me</i>	TFWS #2242
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Victoria Burkett
Anthem	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. David Schwoebel
Offering Our Gifts to God		Victoria Burkett

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>I Will Arise and Go to Jesus</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Alice Parker
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	1 Corinthians 13; Luke 4: 21-30	9:30 John Allum 11:00 Sandi Merriweather
Sermon	“The Journey of Love”	Rev. Lonnie Eakle
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail (vs. 1,2,3,6)</i>	UMH #549
Benediction		Rev. Lonnie Eakle
Postlude	<i>Ciacona in C</i>	Johann Caspar Kerll

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES



As the 2022 Stewardship Campaign “Stronger Together” draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone who generously invested in our mission and ministry by turning in a pledge card. The results for 2022 were fantastic. We set a pledge goal of \$888,296 and to date have received \$865,350 over 97% of our goal. Again, thank you for your support and your confidence in our promising future. If you have not yet submitted a pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so that we can expand our reach and serve even more people in the year ahead.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



The 2022 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from main church office. You may sign up to donate flowers for a Sunday of your choosing in honor or in memory of someone, or to celebrate a life event. You may take the flowers home with you following the 11 a.m. service, or you may donate them to the flower ministry and they will be divided up into smaller arrangements and taken to members who are ill, homebound, or otherwise are in need of some extra cheer. Worship is greatly enhanced with the addition of a floral arrangement on our altar, so please consider providing an arrangement for a date or season significant to you. Sign the calendar beside the date you want, and complete the flower request form (also located on the bulletin board) and turn it in with your check to the church office. Please remember the following when signing up:

- First come, first served
- The church florist will be used
- The cost is \$50

Thank you for helping to enhance our worship space! If you have any questions, please contact Shelley in the church office at Administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Joe Ahlbrandt, Christi Bickley, Bob Pawlikowski
11:00 a.m. Charissa Dull, Daphne Bear

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

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.

WELCOME

Today we warmly welcome our guest preacher Reverend Lonnie Eakle, a retired UM pastor who has served a variety of places in our Conference, including as a District Superintendent. He retired from First UMC in Greeley in 2006, and served as Interim Pastor here at First Church not once, but twice. Rev. Lonnie and wife Terry are dearly loved by this congregation, and often attend worship here. We are very pleased to welcome Rev. Lonnie back to our pulpit today.

FAITH FORMATION

Looking for something new to do in 2022?

Try stretching your musical muscles!

Often as we launch a new year, we begin to think about getting back to the gym or promising ourselves to get back on a regular exercise program. Both are great resolutions for the new year. However, have you ever considered building up your musical muscles by joining one of the various music ensembles at First Church? Often the benefits are two-fold, providing enjoyment and fulfillment for you and for the congregation. If you have an interest in taking part in any of the following musical ensembles at First Church, please contact David Adkins at choirdir@fcfumc.net for more details. Some ensembles are existing and some are in the planning stages with hopes of starting in early to mid-February.

- **Sanctuary Choir** – meets Thursdays from 7-8 (no audition required)
- **First Church Singers** – Sanctuary Choir membership required – meets Thursdays from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. beginning in February.
- **Carillon Handbell Choir** – meets Thursdays from 5 – 6 p.m. (music reading required)
- **First Church Instrumental Ensemble** – meets Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. All ages welcome that play a band or orchestra instrument at a moderately advanced level
- **Alleluia Handbell Choir** – A group reforming that will meet during the day. Day and time TBA.
- **Women's Vocal Ensemble** – For women who enjoy singing multi-part music for women only. If there is sufficient interest, this group will meet during the day. Day and time are TBA.
- **Children's Choirs** – Meet from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Cherub Choir is for 5K and 1st grade students and Joyful Noise is for 2nd – 5th grade students.

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*
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: January 30

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Who Is This Jesus?”

Luke 4:14-21



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Third Sunday after Epiphany January 23, 2022

“The Journey of Love”



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