

## 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>Prelude and Toccata on 'O God, Beyond All Praising'</i>	D. Cherwien
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i> Dawn Grapes, <i>flute</i>	arr. Mark Albrecht
*Call to Worship		9:30 Bill Elmslie 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	<i>In the Midst of New Dimensions</i>	TFWS #2238
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
The Sacrament of Baptism		Molly Katherine McCrery
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> Ivy Taylor, <i>soprano</i>	arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Our Gifts to God

### 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>In Christ There is No East or West/ Breathe on Me Breath of God</i> Dawn Grapes, <i>flute</i>	arr. M. Albrecht
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Luke 10:25-37	9:30 Bill Elmslie 11:00 Jerry Wiese
Sermon	"Our Neighborhood Has Changed!"	Rev. Lonnie Eakle
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>The Summons</i>	TFWS #2130
*Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Sinfonia from 'Solomon'</i>	G. F. Handel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST CHURCH IN JULY

*by Dana Sampson, Chair/Staff Parish Relations Committee*

First Church will not miss a beat in July although Rev. Brad is on renewal leave. Rev. Cynthia will work with our committed and dedicated staff and lay leaders to get every aspect of ministry covered this July. The preaching schedule for July is set. Rev. Cynthia will be attending meetings she normally attends and those the Lead Pastor attends; she will provide pastoral care when needed. Ministry teams are serving at full capacity and church leaders are leading with gusto.

Although David Adkins is taking accrued vacation time during the month of July, the music for Sunday worship throughout the month is planned and in place. Both musicians from within our congregation as well as guest musicians will continue to provide wonderful music for all of our worship services.

First Church will not miss a beat this July. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me, Dana Sampson ([danalsampson@gmail.com](mailto:danalsampson@gmail.com)) or Rev. Cynthia ([c.paquette@fcfumc.net](mailto:c.paquette@fcfumc.net)).



This July, while Rev. Brad is on renewal leave, Rev. Cynthia will be joined by several guest preachers, Lonnie Eakle, Bob Firebaugh, and Mark Lee to bring uplifting and meaningful worship to all. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Baptism on July 10. Below are the scriptures and sermon titles.

DATE	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE
July 17	Luke 10:38-42	Looking Beyond the Weeds
July 24	Luke 11:1-13	Life as Prayer
July 31	Acts 2:42-47	Refocus

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

### CAN WE GET A CONVOY?

First Church people who want to support our church's effort to start a community organizing group in Northern Colorado are urged to be present when Coloradans for the Common Good issues an invitation to form a new affiliate. The meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. on July 13 at Regis University in Denver. For details, contact David Reid at (970) 581-2707 (phone or text) or [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS:** 9:30 a.m. Dana Sampson, Judy Kinner, Sherri Wahlgren  
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Susan Leinhart

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by John and Nancy Murzyn, in memory of Nancy Venturato, loving mother and grandmother.

### MISSIONS

#### **MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION • AUGUST 5-10**

Join us on August 5-10 for an educational and cultural mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation. We will meet friends new and old, attend a powwow, visit historic and educational sites and learn how we as a congregation can help take steps toward reconciliation.



**There will be an informational meeting on July 17 at noon in the church parlor.** Questions? Contact Theresa Holbrook (970-219-5960) or Elaine Karnes (972-225-6720).



#### **SUPPORT THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH'S MISSION WORK & FIRST CHURCH**

Our United Women in Faith (UWFaith) unit has a table in Fellowship Hall to sell grocery cards on Sundays. When you purchase those cards or link your King Soopers Shoppers Card, you help UWFaith support programs in the United States

and around the world that improve life for women, children and youth and their communities. In addition, a portion of money raised goes to First Church.

Sprouts and Safeway/Albertsons sell community organizations grocery cards at reduced rates and King Soopers makes donations when customers use linked Shoppers Card accounts when buying groceries. To link your Shoppers Card, enroll in King Soopers Community Rewards program by going to <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards> and following the directions. When asked for the organization, enter "SB653" for the NPO number or search for "Fort Collins First UMW-EOM." If you need help, please bring your log-in information and stop by the grocery card table.



#### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Please help fight hunger in our area by planting extra in your garden and bringing the vegetables to church on Sunday. We will get it to the Food Bank. Last year we donated over 1,200 pounds of vegetables and fruits. Let's beat that this year!

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

### Pastors

**Rev. Brad Laurvick**, *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 Stody**, *Organist Emeritus*

### Program Staff

**Barb Grauberger**, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*  
**Victoria Burkett**, *Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*  
**Rev. Dr. Mark Lee**, *Director of Adult Faith, Discipleship, and Northern Colorado Faith Library*  
**David Reid**, *Community Builder*  
**Laurie Elliott**, *Childcare Coordinator*  
**Liza Judd-Salimbeni**, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*  
**Ali Gessler**, *Director of Pre-School*  
**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*  
**Max Reyes**, *Custodian*  
**Michael Shestak**, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*  
**Howard Miller**, *Custodian*

**Coming Next Week: July 17, 2022**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**"Looking Beyond the Weeds"**

**Luke 10:38-42**



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**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 10, 2022**

**"Our Neighborhood Has Changed!"**

**Rev. Lonnie Eakle**



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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!