

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>Down by the Riverside</i>	arr. Paul Severson
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i>	Cesáreo Gabaráin
*Call to Worship		9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Sandy Merriweather
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Gather Us In</i>	TFWS #2236
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Victoria Burkett
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Just a Closer Walk</i>	arr. Paul Severson
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>Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone</i>	Newton, Tomlin & Giglio
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Sandy Merriweather
Sermon	“Looking Beyond the Weeds”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeside</i>	UMH #344
*Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me into Saints Go Marching</i>	

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) or Rev. Cynthia Paquette (c.paquette@fcfumc.net).



Dessert Gatherings

HELP INTRODUCE OUR NEW PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY TO OUR CONGREGATION!!

There will be several in-home events for small groups to gather and meet our new pastor, **Brad Laurvick and his family, Meghan, Joey and Gracie.**

Please plan to attend a dessert gathering that will be hosted by members of our congregation. The events will be at **7:00 pm** and will include light refreshments.

There will be sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall every Sunday in July for you to sign up to attend a dessert gathering.

The dates that will be available for sign up are:

Thurs., August 18	Mon., August 29	Thurs., September 15
Mon., August 22	Thurs., September 8	Mon., September 19
Thurs., August 25	Mon., September 12	Thurs., September 22

Please help us introduce Brad and his family in small group settings—this is the best way for him to learn about us and for us to learn about him.

LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Karen Kiser, Lois Quintana, Dave Rubenthaler
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Bonny Thomas

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Sarah Brooks In honor of her parents' 64th anniversary.

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 today 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.



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 24	Luke 11:1-13	Life as Prayer
July 31	Acts 2:42-47	Refocus

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 Stooddy, 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 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
"Life as Prayer"
Luke 11:1-13



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022



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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!