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.

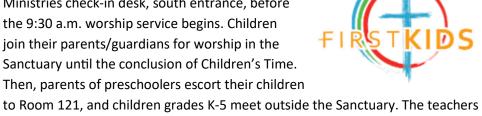
IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH and would like more information, please ask one of our greeters or ushers or visit the Welcome Center. They can direct you to classrooms, nursery, restrooms, food, and fellowship, as well as introduce you to our staff. We would be honored to get to know you better and learn 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.

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.

Samaritan Class—Parlor; Serendipity Class—Village Commons; 9:30 a.m.

Upper Room Class—Upper Room (Room 235)

Open Hearts Class—Village Commons 11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are able

Gathering Music Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty arr. J. Innes, B. Fasig

Welcome Rev. Brad Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prelude O For a Thousand Tongues Carson Cooman

*Call to Worship 9:30 Will Barkoskie 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell

*Hymn of Praise O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing **UMH #57**

(vs. 1,2,3,5)

UMH #170 Chorus (9:30) O How I Love Jesus

Children's Message Barb Grauberger

Chorus (9:30) O How I Love Jesus UMH #170

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

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 For Everyone Born arr. Tom Trenney

First Church Singers

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

Genesis 18:1-8 9:30 Will Barkoskie Scripture

11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell

"Words of Welcome: Let's Share a Meal" Rev. Brad Laurvick Sermon

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Dedication Help Us Accept Each Other UMH #545

(vs. 1 & 4 - Sung to the tune AURELLA)

*Benediction Rev. Brad Laurvick

Postlude Ciaconna in C Johann Caspar Kerll

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS BEGIN SOON!

Several of our music groups begin rehearsing soon. As always, new folks are welcome and encouraged to participate! If you have any questions about any of our choirs, please email David Adkins at choirdir@fcfumc.net.

1st Church Instrumental Ensemble – Begins rehearsing August 17/5:30 – 6:30 Carillon Handbell Choir - Begins rehearsing August 18/5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir – Begins rehearsing August 18/7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Other groups will begin soon. Please watch "First Wire" and the bulletin for more details!

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 17, 2022 • 8:30am - 1:00pm (brunch included)



******** Our world is fractured along lines of politics, class, race, religion, and nation, but many of us long for ways to reach across these divisions. As a follow-up to the 2022 Hagen Lecture presented in March, Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton is returning to First Church to help us reconnect with one another. This halfday workshop will teach us practical skills to enter into Courageous Conversations – generative discussions where we ******* genuinely listen and engage across differences to heal division

and transform the world. Contact Lisa Fenton Free (lisa@rmhealth.org) with questions or to request childcare.

August Book Study: Prepare for the workshop by reading and discussing Hilton's book, A House United: How the Church Can Save the World, A 4-week study led by Whitney Pennington will begin Wednesday 8/10 at 7pm on Zoom. Copies of the book are available for \$10 Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. You can arrange with Rev. Mark Lee (email him at AFDL@fcfumc.net) to pick up a book during church office hours.

Dessert Gatherings

HELP INTRODUCE OUR NEW PASTOR & 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. The dates that will be available for sign up are:

Thurs., August 18 Mon., September 12 Thurs., September 15 Thurs., September 22

Sun., August 21—Gathering for young families at Twin Silo Park in Fort Collins from 4—6 pm

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.

CHURCH SAFETY: UNLOCKING OF ENTRANCES

As part of First Church's ongoing safety efforts, we will be unlocking only three main entrances (Stover St., South, and West) for Sunday worship services. Although locked, all 11 exterior doors of the church building can be opened from inside to allow people to leave the building. Your safety is of utmost importance to us!

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Chris Weber, Pat Bickley, Elinor Barkoskie

Caroline Barkoski

11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, John Allum

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

CAKE RECEPTION TODAY: There will be a cake reception for Rev. Brad, his wife, Meghan, and their children, Joey and Gracie, between worship services today.

MISSIONS

VEGETABLES FOR THE FOOD BANK

Gardeners – We are collecting garden produce each Sunday in Fellowship Hall. One table is for donations you want to go directly to the Food Bank. The second table is for vegetables that can be exchanged for a cash donation to the Food Bank.

Everyone – Check out the vegetable exchange and take home some great produce in exchange for a donation to the Food Bank!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY • SAT. AUGUST 13 9:30—11:30 IN THE PARLOR

Knitters, crocheters and new learners are all welcome.

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH: We, here at First Church, are excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Metho-dism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering member-ship in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Brad and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session at noon on August 14 in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. There will also be a virtual tour of the church building. Please email membership@fcfumc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by August 9 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided with reservations by August 9.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT EASTSIDE PARK • SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 4-6 PM (Trackless train rides start at 3 PM)



Glacier Ice Cream Fort Collins will be serving delicious ice cream. Rev. Brad and Ms. Barb will be putting on a puppet show. Due to limited parking at the park, you are invited to park your cars at the church parking lots and walk or catch the church bus from the south parking lot to the park. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. No other chairs will be available except for existing park seats. This event is sponsored by the Bohemian Foundation to encourage peo-ple to build relationships in the community. Each person will receive one ticket to get a free cup of ice cream. Come enjoy good music and delicious ice cream, get to know your neighbors, and meet Rev. Brad and his puppets.

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 Stoody, 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

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: August 7, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Words of Welcome: Tell Me About You . . "



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022



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There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!