

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 rise as you are able		
Gathering Music	<i>Andante with Variations</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Calvin Hampton
*Call to Worship		9:30 Sandy Merriweather 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Walk with Me</i>	TFWS #2242
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>If with All Your Hearts, from <u>Elijah</u></i>	Felix Mendelssohn Pablo Romero

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>Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring</i>	J.S. Bach; arr. Hess
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Philippians 2:1-8	9:30 Sandy Merriweather 11:00 Jerry Wiese
Sermon	“Words of Welcome: Tell Me About You”	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Jesus, United by Thy Grace</i> (vs. 1-3)	UMH #561
*Benediction		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Postlude	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Calvin Hampton

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 Aug 17/5:30 – 6:30**
- Carillon Handbell Choir – Begins rehearsing Aug 18/5:15 – 6:15 p.m.**
- Sanctuary Choir – Begins rehearsing Aug 18/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**
- Other groups will begin soon. Please watch “First Wire” and the bulletin for more details!**

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, **Bradley 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
- Thurs., September 22
- Sun., August 21—Gathering for young families at Twin Silo in Fort Collins from 4—6 pm

Please help us introduce Bradley 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.



Want to know more about broad based organizing? There’s lots to learn at Coloradans for the Common Good 101, a Zoom conference 6-8 pm, August 11. Register at https://www.cocommongood.org/ccg_101_zoom. For questions or help registering, contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or phone or text (970) 581-2707.

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. Judy Kinner, Lois Quintana, Connie Cardenas
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Pam Metzger

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Bonny Thomas, in memory of Jerry Thomas, on the 47th anniversary of a wonderful marriage!

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 Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Brad and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session at noon today 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.

Join The Summer Fun At Eastside Park!

You're Invited

**Community Ice Cream Social*

August 14 - 4-6 p.m.
Train ride begins at 3 p.m.

GLACIER ICE CREAM • PUPPET SHOW

**Community Picnic*

August 28 - 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

FOOD TRUCKS • FACE PAINTING
BALLOON TWISTER • CARNIVAL GAMES

WELCOME CENTER REQUEST

Please wear your nametag on Sundays!
The Laurvicks and other new members will appreciate this!

**If you need a nametag, please stop by the Welcome Center. The \$10 cost may be paid when ordering or picking up.*



OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

Rev. Bradley 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*

Coming Next Week: August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

"Words of Welcome: Let Me Tell You a Story . . ."

Matthew 13:1-3, 10-13



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2022

WORDS OF WELCOME:



Tell Me About You

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

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!