

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>Blessed Assurance</i>	J. Bert Carlson
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
*Call to Worship		9:30 Mike Kohler 11:00 Bill Emslie
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	UMH #369
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>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg Sanctuary Choir
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>Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out</i>	arr. Mark Hayes Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Matthew 13:1-3, 10-13	9:30 Mike Kohler 11:00 Bill Emslie
Sermon	“Words of Welcome: Let Me Tell You a Story . . .”	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>All Are Welcome</i>	
*Benediction		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Postlude	<i>Postlude</i>	Alexandre Guilmant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

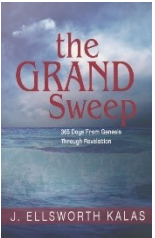
FAITH FORMATION



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT TRANSFORM • SMALL GROUP

Rev. Cynthia invites you to join in learning, practicing, and sharing the spiritual practices that transform our lives. We will meet weekly in person on Mondays from noon to 1 PM (this fall: September 12 – December 12, 2022) in the Conference Room or off-site to learn and share with each other a spiritual practice that we will practice individually throughout the week. On September 12, we will begin with the spiritual practice of worship. Human beings are made for worship; we are prone to worship someone or something. There is little reading for this group, the focus will be on mindful practice and reflection.

YEAR-LONG BIBLE STUDY



Rev. Cynthia will be leading a year-long Bible study using the Grand Sweep Year-Long Bible Study by Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas as a guide. Together we will study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and apply the lessons to our lives. We will meet weekly in person on Mondays from 6:30 to 8 PM in the Conference Room from September 12, 2022 to end of October 2023.

Zoom option is available for both offerings whenever you are out of town but would still like to be present. Questions? Contact Rev. Cynthia, c.paquette@fcfumc.net Sign up at the Faith Formation Table in the Fellowship Hall.

FIRST CHURCH REGISTRATION AND CONNECTION CARD
(Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR Scan appropriate QR codes below)

Date _____ Service Time 9:30 ☐ 11:00 ☐ Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ I am a First Time Guest ☐ Returning Guest ☐ Regular Attender ☐
☐ Please let me know about volunteer opportunities ☐ Please contact me about membership
☐ Please add me to the “First Wire” weekly email list
Prayer Requests _____

Regular Attender

First Time Guest

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Pam Raab, Joe Ahlbrandt, Rich Raab
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Cole

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Janet Shupe in honor of her children.

MEET & GREET: Please join Rev. Bradley in the Parlor right after the 11 AM worship service to meet, say hello to, and chat with him.

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.*



Join The Summer Fun At Eastside Park!



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!!

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 25-29

Our church is doing a NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete. We have so many new additions to our church family; a new directory is essential in helping all of us put names to faces and get connected with each other. IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! Sign ups for picture taking begin in September. You will receive a free picture and a free directory if your picture is in the directory.



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 Stoodly, *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 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

"Words of Welcome: Make Yourself at Home"

Luke 10:38-42



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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

WORDS OF WELCOME:



Let me tell you a story...

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!