

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>Gather Us In</i>	John Behnke
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Call to Worship		9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
Hymn of Praise	<i>The Church’s One Foundation</i> Sanctuary Choir and Congregation	UMH #546
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Blessing of the Backpacks		
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offering Our Gifts to God		

Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at <https://fcfumc.net/> or on the First UMC App .
2. Check or cash.
3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory	<i>Home Is a Special Kind of Feeling</i> Sanctuary Choir	John Rutter
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
Sermon	“Words of Welcome: Make Yourself at Home”	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Welcoming New Members		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>There’s a Spirit of Love in this Place</i>	W&S #3148
*Benediction		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Postlude	<i>Postlude on Be Thou My Vision</i>	Bernard Wayne Sanders

ANNOUNCEMENTS

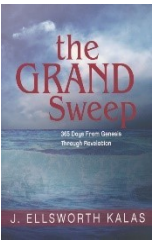
FAITH FORMATION



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 CONNECTION CARD

(Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR Scan appropriate QR codes below)

Date _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please let me know about volunteer opportunities ☐

Please add me to the “First Wire” weekly email list ☐

Prayer Requests _____

Service Time 9:30 ☐ 11:00 ☐

I am a First Time Guest ☐ Returning Guest ☐

Please contact me about membership ☐

First Name _____

City, State, Zip _____

Address _____

First Time Guest ☐

Regular Attender ☐

Regular Attender ☐

Regular Attender ☐

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Karen Kiser, Jeff Johnson, Sarah Johnson
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Susan Leinhart

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Lisa Novack, in memory of Rob and Joe.

Join The Summer Fun At Eastside Park!

You're Invited

*Community Picnic
August 28 - 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

FOOD TRUCKS • FACE PAINTING
BALLOON TWISTER • CARNIVAL GAMES

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.



FAITH FORMATION

Alleluia Handbell Choir



The Alleluia Handbell Choir is making a return post Covid and will be meeting each Thursday beginning September 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The choir is for beginning and intermediate ringers. Previous experience is not required. Come have some fun and learn to ring handbells! For more information please contact David Adkins at choirdir@fcumc.net.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

9:30 SERVICE



Victoria
Burkett



Sylvia
Dowty



Gene & Annette
Halverson



The Hodge
Family



Bruce
Martin



Robin & Victor
Norell



Steve & Carol
Strong



Rosemary
Taylor

11:00 SERVICE



Sarah
Brooks



John & Lee
Hensley

Coming Next Week: September 4, 2022

"Big Questions: Why Labor of Love? "

1 Thessalonians 1:1-6



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WORDS OF WELCOME:



Make yourself at Home

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

August 28, 2022

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!