

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 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* arr. Camp Kirkland
Be Still My Soul
 First Church Orchestra

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

*Call to Worship 9:30 Joan Carter
 11:00 Jerry Wiese

Hymn of Praise *Come Forth O Choirs* arr. Jack Noble White
 First Church Orchestra, Carillon Handbell Choir,
 Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233

Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Anthem *To Love Our God* arr. Mark Hayes
 Sanctuary Choir

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 *The Rejoicing* G. F. Handel
 Carillon Handbell Choir

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

Scripture 2 Kings 10:15 9:30 Joan Carter
 11:00 Jerry Wiese

Sermon "Big Questions: What Matters?" Rev. Bradley Laurvick

*Hymn of Dedication *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above* UMH #126
 Harmonization, interlude and choral descant
 by Samuel Metzer

*Benediction Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Postlude *Allegro in D* Claude Balbastre

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION



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 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.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT OCTOBER 1, 2022 ~ 9:00 - 3:30

All women are invited to a Fall Retreat at the Tamasag Retreat Center (just outside of Laporte). Meet Leslie Verner, author of *Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness*. Sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall any time from September 4—30.



FIRST CHURCH 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 _____



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Whitney Pennington, Joe Ahlbrandt, Josh Keller
11:00 a.m. Shan Watkins, Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Don Gaymon, in memory of Eileen Gaymon, who shared her love of life.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Here are two new opportunities to learn about community organizing.

- Join a Zoom discussion at 6 p.m. September 15 to learn more about broad-based organizations like the one we are building in NoCo.
- Our first training session in Northern Colorado is coming soon. Learn the basic skills of organizing at First Church on October 28-29.

For information or signup: David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com, 970-581-2707 or www.cocommongood.org/events



Join the Rev. Dr. Mark Lee for a 7-week exploration of key touchstones of Christian faithing. Using a DVD series featuring short introductions by well known writers and leaders such as Brian McLaren, Lauren Winner, Nadia Boltz-Weber and others, we will look at faith journeying, spirituality, Jesus, the Cross, Salvation, the Bible, and the Church. The course is designed for discussion, right-brained exploration of these topics, and open ended conclusions. Student journals and sign ups will be available on the Formation table during fellowship hour. The class will run seven Wednesday evenings starting September 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, room TBA.

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE

COME FORTH, O CHOIRS

CONGREGATIONAL PART

Words and Music by
JACK NOBLE WHITE (ASCAP)
(based on the original hymn tune: MURRAY)



1. Come forth, O choirs, your songs of glad - ness raise;
2. Ring out, O bells, your mag - ic sounds of joy,
3. Bring forth king or - gan's might - y glo - rious sound;
4. Come forth, O choirs, and let your praise re - sound;



Lift up to God an end - less hymn of praise;
With ev - 'ry peal your dig - ni - ty em - ploy;
Sing, faith - ful pipes, with maj - es - ty pro - found;
Ring out, O bells, your mag - ic, joy - ous sound;



Let an - gel voic - es join in ev - 'ry phrase;
Raise spir - its high, and hu - man fears de - stroy;
Ring, vault - ed arch - es, let the praise re - sound;
Sing, faith - ful pipes, with maj - es - ty pro - found;



Come forth, O choirs; Come forth, O choirs!
Ring out, O bells; Ring out, O bells!
Praise, might - y king; Praise, might - y king!
Lift up to God; Lift up to God!

MISSIONS



Join the **Missions team and Don Messer of the Center for Health and Hope** for a potluck dinner **Tuesday, September 13**, at 5:30 pm. We will learn about how this Colorado-based organization works in Kenya and other parts of the world to support those affected by HIV/AIDS. For details, contact Rick Norton (ricknorton14@msn.com).



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BIG QUESTIONS:



What Matters?

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

September 11, 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!