

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)
- 10:55 a.m. Open Hearts Class—Village Commons (2nd floor)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Music	Children’s Songs First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. Camp Kirkland
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Prelude	Dialogue pour Grande et Petite Orgues David Adkins and Joel Bacon, organists Joey Laurvick, bellows operator	Rob Landes
*Call to Worship		Connor Matthews
Hymn of Praise	God of the Bible (vs. 1,3,5)	W&S #3020
Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	Where Children Belong	TFWS #2233
The Gifting of Bibles		
Chorus (9:30)	Where Children Belong	TFWS #2233
Prayer Time		Olivia Barkowskie
Scripture	Proverbs 3:5-6	Olivia Defoor
A Little More Message . . .		
Offering Our Gifts to God		

Giving to God through First Church:

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

Offertory	This Is the Day First Kids Children’s Choir	Cindy Berry
*Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
The Big Message Finale!		
*Hymn of Dedication	Thy Word Is a Lamp	UMH #601
*Benediction		
Postlude	Prelude in Classic Style	Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS



United Women in Faith

Please join United Women in Faith for lunch on **Thursday, October 13, at 11:30, in the church parlor**, followed by a presentation by **Pam Brewer, the Development Director at Homeward Alliance**. Pam will speak about the ways in which Homeward Alliance fulfills their mission to empower those who face homelessness to survive, move forward and thrive. Homeward Alliance operates a continuum of programs and initiatives for families, adults, and seniors. As always, everyone is welcome to attend United Women in Faith meetings. Questions? Call Karen Waldron at 970-219-0898 or Mary Ann Kerttula at 970-219-6747.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

First Church will host a training session October 28-29 to prepare people for leadership in their public lives.

The training will emphasize the value of institutions as a counterbalance at a time when institutions are shrinking. The sessions also will help people improve their skills in relational meetings and house meetings – two primary tools of community organizing. Info: David Reid at (970) 581-2707 or davidreid24@gmail.com or online at bit.ly/ccgNOCO .

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 _____ City, State, Zip _____


Email _____


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 and GREETERS: Kempton Defoor, Lincoln & Raymond Anderson, Mariana & Sabine Molina, Quincy & Finley Gerhardt, Lois Quintana, Chris Weber, Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by James & Marilyn Pullin.

ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The **Northern Colorado Faith Library** is again holding a book sale to raise money for its collection. You may donate books and jigsaw puzzles in good condition, with **donations being welcome though Oct. 10**. Please place your donations in the downstairs (basement) hallway outside the elevator. We will welcome volunteers to sort, set up, staff the sale and clean up after the sale. Signup sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall between worship services. **Sale hours are Thurs. 10/20, 4:00 - 7:00 pm; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**, with cleanup to follow on Sunday. There will be an especially large number of theological works this year, including significant donations from the professional libraries of Rev. Melanie Rosa, Rev. Brad Laurvick, and Rev. Mark Lee!

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 on October 23** 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 October 19 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided with reservations by October 19.

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

TIME SLOTS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY!

Dates for picture taking: **OCTOBER 25-29 • Venue: PARLOR**

Sign up for your picture to be taken for the new church pictorial directory. This is also the time to take your picture with your family for holiday greeting cards and gifts. The directory will not be complete without your picture!

Have a smartphone/ipad? Scan the QR code below to sign up.

Sign up online on your computer using this link:

[https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?](https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=64462&step=2)

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(A live link to sign up will be in First Wire on Tuesday.)

No internet access? Stop by the Fellowship Hall between services to sign up. Time slots are limited for paper sign-ups.



CHILDREN'S BIBLE RECIPIENTS



Ruby Andreen

Violet Helin

Skye Andreen

Corey Matthews

Rue Barton

Bea McKinley

Logan Borchert

Gretchen Michalski

Callan Diaz

Mariana Molina

Ethan Diaz

Owen Morrison

Finley Gerhardt

Tyler Moyer

Quincy Gerhardt

Cecily Schwartz

Charlotte Hanna

Avery Taylor

Henry Hartman

Coming Next Week: October 16, 2022

"Big Questions: What Are You Looking For?"

Genesis 24 (selected verses)



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CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

October 9, 2022

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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!