

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	<i>Grateful Hymns of Praise</i> Carillon Handbell Choir	arr. Lloyd Larson
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	Chelsea Chen
*Call to Worship		9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Bill Emslie
Hymn of Praise	<i>O God of Every Nation (vs. 1 & 4)</i>	UMH #435
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Children's Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offering Our Gifts to God		Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Giving to God through First Church:

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

Offertory	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> Sanctuary Choir • Susanna Jacobson, soloist	arr. Craig Courtney
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Matthew 6:9-13	9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Bill Emslie
Sermon	Big Questions: So That What?	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>What Feast of Love (vs. 1 & 2)</i>	W&S #3170
*Benediction		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Postlude	<i>Prelude</i>	C.V. Stanford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS



This afternoon at 1:00, First Youth is participating in the annual CROP Hunger Walk! We will join other local teams in a 5k walk around Old Town to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. You can support us by donating today in the Fellowship Hall!



CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Next Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00, we will be celebrating Children's Sabbath. Our third graders will be receiving Bibles. You won't want to miss joining in worship with our children!

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 _____
 Address _____ 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: 9:30 a.m. Judy Kinner, Connie Cardenas, Sky Wieck-Novak, Gavin Diaz
11:00 a.m. John Allum, Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara Hagen, in memory of Richard Hagen.



Please join...

Please join a watch party sponsored by the Green Team and the Church and Society Committee. We will watch this important event together this evening in the Conference Room from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

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.



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 Stody, *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: October 9, 2022

"Big Questions: Where Shall We Go?"

Proverbs 3:5-6



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BIG QUESTIONS:



So That What?

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

You are most welcome at First Church.

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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!