

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>Toccata in D</i>	Johann Ernst Eberlin
Welcome		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Prelude	<i>Holy Manna</i>	Charles Ore
*Call to Worship		9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 John Allum
Hymn of Praise	<i>God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	UMH #150
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		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Anthem	<i>The Road Home</i> Sanctuary Choir • Kit Matzke, <i>soloist</i>	Stephen Paulus
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	<i>River in Judea</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. John Leavitt
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Genesis 24 (selected verses)	9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 John Allum
Sermon	Big Questions: What Are You Looking For?	Dr. Bob Firebaugh
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Forward Through the Ages</i>	UMH #555
*Benediction		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Postlude	<i>Toccata in G</i>	W. H. Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS



Opportunities to Volunteer at Our Partner School, Putnam Elementary:

We need three more volunteers at our Partner School, Putnam Elementary for Vision and Hearing Screening, Nov. 1, 9-3:30. Please contact Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com to volunteer.

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.

Wondering what you'll gain from the October 28-29 training at First Church? Expect discussions on the basics of broad-based organizing; how to analyze who has power and how to build power; and what will be required to build a new affiliate in NoCo.

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 _____

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. Dave Rubenthaler, Sarah Johnson, Jeff Johnson
11:00 a.m. Susan Leinhart, Shan Watkins

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Glenda Gill, in celebration of Paul Gill, who brings joy to many!

ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The **Northern Colorado Faith Library** is again holding a book sale to raise money for its collection. 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 Village Commons**. 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. Child-care 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?kn=3534502&typld=64462&step=2>

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



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*



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Followed by the Chili Cook-off!

Do you love seeing cute kids dressed up for Halloween to collect candy? This is the event for you! Trunk hosts are needed for Trunk or Treat on October 30th from 3:30-4:30. All you need is a vehicle, a few decorations, and some candy. Sign up to be a host at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aaab22a7fc1-trunk>. For more information, contact Barb Grauberger @ childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.

Coming Next Week: October 23, 2022

"Nurturing Gratitude"

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

1005 Stover Street • Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-2436

BIG QUESTIONS:



What Are You Looking For?

Dr. Bob Firebaugh

October 16, 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!