

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	Prelude on St. George	Alec Rowley
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	Prelude in C Major	Arthur Marchant
*Call to Worship		9:30 Joan Carter 11:00 Pam Raab
Hymn of Praise	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs. 1 & 2)	UMH #694
Chorus (9:30)	Where Children Belong	TFWS #2233
Children’s Message		Barb Grauburger
Chorus (9:30)	Where Children Belong	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	God Is Seen Sanctuary Choir	Alice Parker
Scripture	I Thessalonians 5:16-25	9:30 Joan Carter 11:00 Pam Raab
Sermon	Nurturing Gratitude	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Offering Our Gifts to God		

**Giving to God through First Church:**

1. Give online at [fcmfc.net](https://fcmfc.net) or on the First UMC App .
2. Check or cash.
3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory	Rhosymedre	Ralph Vaughan Williams
*Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
*Hymn of Dedication	God of Grace and God of Glory	UMH #577
*Benediction		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Postlude	God of Grace	Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE CHECK YOUR CONTACT INFO FOR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

In an effort to have the most current information in our new directory, we are asking people to check what we have on file regarding name, address, phone number - landline and/or cell - email address(es), and children still living at home. Please look at the printed listing at the Welcome Center when you are at the church building and make changes by **NOVEMBER 13**. Please DO NOT make changes to other people’s information. If you have changed your contact info in the last three years, please email Gail Wells at membership@fcmfc.net or call 970.482.2436, Ext 111 to make changes.

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

Prayer Requests

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

Regular Attender

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## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS:** 9:30 a.m. Don Silar, Joe Ahlbrandt, Christi Bickley  
11:00 a.m. Shan Watkins, Pam Metzger

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Kandy Moore

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by Norma Cowell, in memory of John Staples.

**ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE** is open until 1:00 p.m. this afternoon.

**EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH** will be held in the Village Commons at noon.

### NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

#### TIME SLOTS ARE ALMOST FULL!

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.)



### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH GREENERY SALE

Look for our order table in or near Fellowship Hall between services today. Order forms may also be found on the United Women in Faith bulletin board and on the church website.

**Please take time to fill out your order form soon!**  
**If you get to church and realize you forgot your order form, we have blank ones at our order table.**

**Orders will be accepted only until  
Monday, October 31, 2022.**

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### THANKSGIVING BOX DONATIONS

Putnam Elementary has asked First Church to provide 25 Thanksgiving boxes to give to families to go with their turkeys from the Food Bank. Each box should contain 10 items: 1 can each of Corn, Green Beans, Pumpkin, and Cranberry Sauce, a jar of gravy, a box of stuffing mix, a box of instant mashed potatoes, elbow macaroni, a box of cornbread or hot roll mix, and a dessert mix (brownies or cake). Sign up to bring a box to Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 13 – either at Mission Corner or by emailing Janet Krech at [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com).



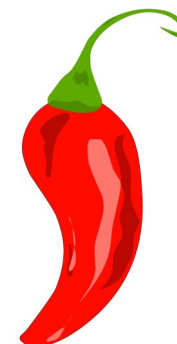
### Trunk or Treat

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 at [childrensdirector@fcfmc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfmc.net).

### CHILI COOK-OFF

It's almost time for our annual, church-wide Chili Cook-off! Next Sunday, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM, right after Trunk-or-Treat. Contact Victoria Burkett at [youth@fcfmc.net](mailto:youth@fcfmc.net) to bring a pot of chili and enter the competition. The top 3 recipes will receive a prize! There is no cost to attend or enter, but all donations will help send our youth on summer missions.



Coming Next Week: October 30, 2022

“Growing in Gratitude”

Colossians 3:15-17



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## Nurturing Gratitude

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

**October 23, 2022**

**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!