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 Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paguette

Prelude Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach

from Cantata No. 79 Carillon Handbell Choir and Organ

*Call to Worship 9:30 Pam Raab

11:00 Joan Carter

Hymn of Praise Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH #89

Chorus (9:30) Where Children Belong TFWS #2233
Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem Festive Praise Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Sirach 50:22-24

Sermon Grateful Together

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 Sing to the Lord of Harvest David Christensen

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

Welcoming New Members

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication Now Thank We All Our God UMH #102

*Benediction

Postlude Postlude on "St. George's Windsor" arr. Jason Payne

David Adkins, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS



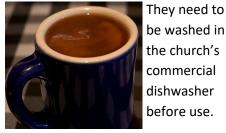
Pine Ridge Experience Turkey Time 2022 Scheduled for December 8-10

If you are looking for a rewarding experience during the holidays, then consider joining us on a trip to Pine Ridge Reservation, SD, where we will serve 150 turkey dinners and get to know our Native American brothers and sisters. We will carpool to the site and stay in the dorms at the Reconciliation Center, where we will learn about some of their history.

Consider joining us for this opportunity! Sign up today in the Mission Corner. For more information, please contact Elaine Karns at (970) 225-6720.

GO GREEN ON SUNDAYS

Please bring standard size dishwashersafe mugs that you no longer need at home to share with others on Sunday mornings. Mugs will be collected, kept in the church and used by all for Sunday morning fellowship time. At First Church, we use around 300 compostable hot beverage cups per week. Using reusable mugs on Sunday mornings will help reduce waste from these cups. Please leave your donated mugs in the main church kitchen.





Prayer

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Jerry Wiese, Dave Rubenthaler, Kristen Roberts

11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

GRATEFUL TOGETHER COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Today we dedicate our estimate of giving cards and celebrate God's bounty and provision by eating pie together. Join us in Fellowship Hall between services.

Advent Studies ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Christmas Stories: Celebrating, Questioning & Explaining the **Biblical Narratives.** This online asynchronous class is hosted by Homebrewed Christianity and will feature four virtual lectures with Dr. John Dominic Crossan. At your own pace, follow his book *The First* Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth. The first streamed session is Nov. 28, 12:00 noon MST. Sign up and find more information at http://crossanthroughadvent.com.

God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas.

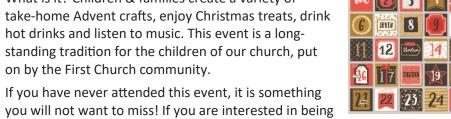
Ross Loomis and Rev. Mark Lee will lead a 4-week study of *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The study will meet Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00 pm inperson on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21 in the Village Commons. Sign up during Sunday fellowship hour in November or by emailing Rev. Mark Lee at AFDL@fcfumc.net.

Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the **Baptist**. Sandy Merriweather will lead a 4-week study of *Prepare* the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist by Rev. Adam Hamilton. The study will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm MT via Zoom on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21. Sign up during Sunday fellowship hour in November or by emailing Rev. Mark Lee at AFDL@fcfumc.net.

FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT WORKSHOP December 4th from 2:30 -4:30 pm

What is it? Children & families create a variety of take-home Advent crafts, enjoy Christmas treats, drink hot drinks and listen to music. This event is a longstanding tradition for the children of our church, put on by the First Church community.



a crafter, we need lots of volunteers. If you have never hosted a craft table,

it is so much fun. If you are not crafty, we can provide a craft for you. Interested? Sign up here to host a craft table.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

9:30 SERVICE



Max & Sandv

Beavers



June & Bob

Bjercke



Nancv

Bryan





Tom & Karen Guter

Rvnell Mather

9:30 SERVICE



Tim & Kathy

Neal



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11:00 SERVICE

Lisa Carlson

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DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Spiritual gifts are attributes given to Christian believers for the building up of the whole body of Christ. We all have a mixture of gifts that work together and give each of us a unique way to contribute to ministry. Please use





this QR code or https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/ spiritual-gifts-inventory/en to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory to discover the spiritual gifts that God is calling you to share at this time. If you would like to know how you can best share your gifts at First Church and beyond, please email Rev. Cynthia (c.paquette@fcfumc.net) to chat. Let us know in your 2023 Commitment form how you will share your gifts.

Coming Next Week: November 27, 2022 **Ringing, Singing on Our Way** Isaiah 2:1-5

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Grateful Together Rev. Bradley Laurvick

November 20, 2022

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There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!