## 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.

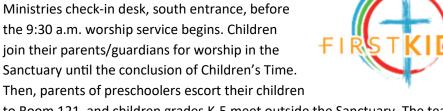
In the spirit of Jesus Christ, First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins commits to offering a community in which persons of diverse age, color, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity, economic status, and physical or mental ability are all welcomed and affirmed. To all who have known pain 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.



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)

Open Hearts Class—Village Commons 11:00 a.m.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*Please rise as you are able.

arr. Phillip Allen **Gathering Music** Angels from on High

First Church Instrumental Ensemble

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prelude Go Tell It on the Mountain arr. David Winkler First Church Instrumental Ensemble

Lighting the Candle of Joy 9:30 The Diaz Family 11:00 Kendrick Jackson & Lindsay Soards

Candle Lighting Song Lift Up Your Eyes Sanctuary Choir

Hymn of Praise Angels We Have Heard on High **UMH #238** 

(vs. 1-3)

Chorus (9:30) O Come Little Children

Children's Message

Barb Grauberger

Chorus (9:30) O Come Little Children

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Prayer Response** O Come All Ye Faithful arr. Sanders

Alleluia Handbell Choir

Anthem A Christmas Lullaby arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

Isaiah 29: 17-21 Scripture 9:30 Kelly McBartlett

11:00 Sandy Merriweather

The World Revolved from Night to Day Sermon

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.

Savior of the Nations, Come J.S. Bach Offertory

\*Doxology Angels We Have Heard on High **UMH #238** 

(refrain only)

\*Sending Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication The First Noel **UMH #43** 

(vs. 1-3)

\*Benediction

Postlude Carillon Mary Beth Bennett

# **ANNOUNCE MENTS**



# **BUCKHORN UNITED METHODIST YOUTH CAMP AND RETREAT**

Is looking for camp counselors and a part time nurse for the upcoming summer camp season. Come join us for a fun outdoor summer experience, enriching the lives of youth and adults alike in this beautiful mountain setting. Both positions are paid and also include room and board, if needed! For more information, please contact Sean at 408-439-5625 or email her at director@buckhorncampco.org. You can also learn more about the camp at buckhorncampco.org

> Pick up your free church directory pictures today in Fellowship Hall.

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FIRST CHURCH CONNECTION CARD (Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR Scan appropriate OR codes below)	Date Service Time 9:30 🔲 11:00 🔲 Last Name	Email Address    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  Prayer Requests

## **TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH**

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Whitney Pennington, Lois Quintana, Kayleigh Keller

11:00 a.m. Pam Metzger, Shan Watkins

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by Jeff & Sarah Johnson.



# Special Advent Moments

Please be sure these are on your calendar!

Dec. 18th Blue Christmas Service (for those stressed, lonely,

or hurting) ~ 7:00pm

Dec. 24th **Children and Family Christmas Eve Service** ~ 2:00pm

Dec. 24th Traditional Christmas Eve Services ~ 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Dec. 25th Pajama Sunday! (Come casual; kids are invited to

wear PJs and bring a favorite gift) ~ 9:30am only

# Blue Christmas Service

7:00 P.M. THIS EVENING, SANCTUARY

Feeling blue? We all have these moments and they are even harder this time of the year. Are you dealing with grief stemming from a loss or a difficult life situation? Are you coping with health issues or with some other circumstance that is making the celebration of Christmas difficult? This evening, we will be meeting in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for our Blue Christmas Service. We worship a God who meets us at the point of our needs and who loves us through our most trouble-filled days and nights. We welcome you to join us this evening, bringing all that you are carrying inside you. May we find healing and hope through our worship together.

## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

You are invited to pick a mug that speaks to you and have a conversation with someone about why they picked a certain mug. It is the Welcoming and Hospitality Team's goal to potentially use mugs as conversation starters and for people to get to know those they do not already know.

## **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 Stoody, 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

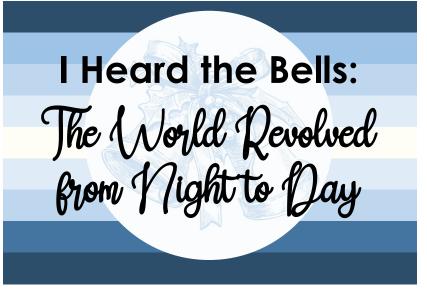
Max Reyes, Custodian

Michael Shestak, Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator

"On the First Day of Christmas"

Luke 2 (selected verses)





Rev. Cynthia Paquette

# **December 18, 2022**

You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

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!