

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	Angels from on High First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. Phillip Allen
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	Go Tell It on the Mountain First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. David Winkler
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 (vs. 1-3)	UMH #238
Chorus (9:30) Children’s Message Chorus (9:30)	O Come Little Children O Come Little Children	 Barb Grauberger
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Response	O Come All Ye Faithful Alleluia Handbell Choir	arr. Sanders
Anthem	A Christmas Lullaby Sanctuary Choir	arr. Mark Hayes
Scripture	Isaiah 29: 17-21	9:30 Kelly McBartlett 11:00 Sandy Merriweather
Sermon The World Revolved from Night to Day		
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	Savior of the Nations, Come	J.S. Bach
*Doxology	Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)	UMH #238
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	The First Noel (vs. 1-3)	UMH #43
*Benediction		
Postlude	Carillon	Mary Beth Bennett

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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 _____

☐ 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 _____

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 Stooddy, *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: December 25, 2022

"On the First Day of Christmas"

Luke 2 (selected verses)



I Heard the Bells:
The World Revolved
from Night to Day

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

December 18, 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!