

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	The Summons	Joshua Evanovich
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Rebecca Groom te Velde
Call to Worship		9:30 Kelly McBartlett 11:00 Bill Emslie
Hymn of Praise	Be Thou My Vision	UMC #451
Chorus (9:30)	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	Here I Am, Lord	arr. Craig Courtney
	Sanctuary Choir · Dawn Grapes, flute	
Scripture	Matthew 4:12-23	
Sermon	“What Are You Looking For? Let the Journey Begin”	
Offering Our Gifts to God		

Giving to God through First Church:

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

Offertory	Lamb of God	Twila Paris
	Joel Bacon, organ · Dawn Grapes, flute	
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	The Summons	UMH #2130
	(vs 1 & 4)	
*Benediction		
Postlude	Postlude	Alexandre Guilmant

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Music at First Church

Many of our choirs and music groups have had a brief hiatus after the holidays and will soon be resuming their regular rehearsal schedule. If you are interested in becoming a part of our music ministry, this would be a great time to do so! Rehearsals begin on the following dates, and everyone is welcome:

- Sanctuary Choir: Thurs., January 5
- Children’s Choir: Sun., January 8
- Church Orchestra: Wed., January 11
- Alleluia Handbells: Thurs., January 12
- Carillon Handbells: Thurs., January 12

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 January 22 in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a virtual tour of the church building. Please email [membership@fcfumc.net](mailto:membership@fcfumc.net), or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by January 18 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Attender 

First Time Guest 



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS:** 9:30 Amanda Gentile, Kristen Roberts, Dave Rubenthaler  
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Susan Leinhart

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by the Kaehler family, in celebration of Alyce Kaehler's 95th birthday and all she has done for the life of this, her cherished church.

## 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*

**Andrea Baldivia**, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week: January 22, 2023

"What Are You Looking For?: Enough for Today

Exodus 16:1-5

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

# What Are You Looking For?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EPIPHANY OPPORTUNITIES

**"The Gentle Art of Biblical Self-Defense"** led by Rev. Mark Lee. This class is for believers or nonbelievers who want to intelligently engage the Biblical proof-texts used in the debate around LGBTQ persons and ethics. Two class options, 6 sessions, offered Wednesdays Jan. 11 - Feb. 15, identical sections at 1:00 - 2:30 pm and 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Village Commons.

**"In My Grandmother's House: Black Women, Faith & The Stories We Inherit"** has been postponed until a time TBD.

**"Introducing the Enneagram."** The enneagram is a learning path for personal, spiritual and psychological growth. We will hold two half-day workshops, Saturdays Jan. 21 and Feb. 4, 9:00 am to noon, in Village Commons.

### MISSION

**Our partner school, Putnam Elementary**, needs a volunteer assistant weekly to help with each of the following "Specials" classes from 12:40-1:40PM:

**Kindergarten Technology on Wednesdays and First Grade Art on Thursdays.** We may want to get a couple of volunteers for each day so absences due to vacation or sickness would be covered. Please contact Janet Krech, [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), if you can help these awesome teachers and students!



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COMMON GOOD**

*Making Democracy Work*

Thank you to everyone who shopped, cooked, knitted, contributed money and/or served the Holiday Turkey Dinner at the Reconciliation Center at Pine Ridge Reservation! It was much appreciated! They are serving as a homeless shelter and cooking two meals a day.

Look forward to a visit from Pastor Dan Johnson, director of the Reconciliation Center, in the coming months, as well as a date for the Immersion Program and Powwow in August! There are many needs and we hope to learn about ways we can support them in the future.

If you want to learn more, contact Elaine Karns at 970-225-6720.

*Thank You!*



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# What Are You Looking For?

## LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

## January 15, 2023

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!