

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	<i>Fanfares</i>	Jean-Joseph Mouret
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Air</i>	Jean-Joseph Mouret
Call to Worship		9:30 Sandy Merriweather 11:00 Pam Raab
Hymn of Praise	<i>Lead On, O Cloud of Presence</i>	TFWS #2234
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	<i>God Wouldn’t Bring You This Far to Leave You</i>	Tom Trenney
	Sanctuary Choir	
Scripture	Exodus 16:1-5	
Sermon	“What Are You Looking For? Enough for Today”	
Offering Our Gifts to God		

Giving to God through First Church:

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

Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>A Wilderness Wandering People</i>	W&S #3113
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Rondeau</i>	Jean-Joseph Mouret

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lay Servant Ministries is a dynamic program of the United Methodist Church which is designed to equip laity for their roles in ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. Classes are offered throughout our Conference, and now with availability of Zoom, we can participate in classes offered in other Conferences as well. Are you interested in meeting with other committed lay persons for study and spiritual growth?

Lay Servant Ministries, February 13-27, 2023, via Zoom. Offered by Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, March 16-30, 2023, via Zoom. Offered by Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Soul Reset: Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life With God, Feb. 28, & Mar. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm., via Zoom.

See First Wire for more information on the Lay Servant program.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2023 Altar Flower Calendar is up in the administrative offices hallway. Now is the time to choose a Sunday to remember, honor or celebrate a loved one by purchasing flowers for the altar. Instructions can be found on the wall next to the calendar.

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

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone

Regular Attender

First Time Guest

☐ 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 Daphne Bear, John Allum, Lois Quintana
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Pam Metzger

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Norma Cowell, in memory of Reverend Jim Cowell.

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 today 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.

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Fort Collins
FC Moves

**BIKE
TO WORK
2023**
(or wherever)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Free breakfast for participants from 7 to 9:30 a.m.

www.fcgov.com/BTWD

CLOSING CEREMONIES | 9:45 A.M. | LINDEN/WALNUT

**Roll on over
to Eastside Park!**

Grab a Breakfast Burrito (sausage or vegetarian),
Coffee or Cocoa, and a Cutie!
The station will be located at
the northwest pavilion across the park
from Laurel Elementary!

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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.

"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.

See First Wire for more details.

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, if you can help these awesome teachers and students!



**COLORADANS FOR THE
COMMON GOOD**

Making Democracy Work

First Church members and constituents are invited to attend the Coloradans for the Common Good Delegates Assembly on January 26. See David Reid in Fellowship Hall today or at (970) 581-2707 or davidreid24@gmail.com.

Coming Next Week: January 29, 2023

"What Are You Looking For?: How About Community?"

Acts 2:46-47

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ENOUGH FOR TODAY

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

January 22, 2023

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!