

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	Prelude and Fugue in C Major	Max Kuhn
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	All Things Bright and Beautiful Children’s Choir	Vicki Hancock Wright
*Call to Worship		9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
*Hymn of Praise	I Come with Joy	UMH #617
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	He’s Got the Whole World Sanctuary Choir · Susanna Jacobson, soloist	arr. Joel Raney
Scripture	Acts 2:46-47	
Sermon	“What Are You Looking For? How About Community?”	
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	Aria on a Chaconne	Joel Martinson
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	Help Us Accept Each Other Sung to the tune of LANCASHIRE	UMH #570
*Benediction		
Postlude	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Max Eham

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 _____ 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 _____

First Time Guest

Regular Attender

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 Judy Kinner, Randie Bell, Connie Cardenas
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Shan Watkins

MISSION



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.

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

Thanks to Faithful Volunteers for signing up to assist in 1st Grade Art Classes on Thursdays at our partner school, Putnam Elementary. We still need one volunteer weekly on WEDNESDAYS to help Kindergarten technology classes from 12:40-1:40PM. This commitment is only for 6 weeks, while kindergarteners learn to press buttons on robots to give them commands. Please contact Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com, if you can partner with Janet to cover some of the Wednesdays in the next couple of months.

FAITH FORMATION

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF DEBT...months, years or decades before you may have?? Millions of folks have and you can too!! Join us for classes based on Financial Peace University's/Dave Ramsey's program.

CLASSES FROM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15 to WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

FROM 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM. Child care available. Classes held at Fort Collins First United Methodist Church and you don't have to be church member. So, invite your friends, children, grandchildren and neighbors (true church community). Register at <https://www.fpu.com/1159845> or contact Don Silar at dfsilar@aol.com

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City of Fort Collins
FC Moves

BIKE TO WORK

2023 (or wherever)

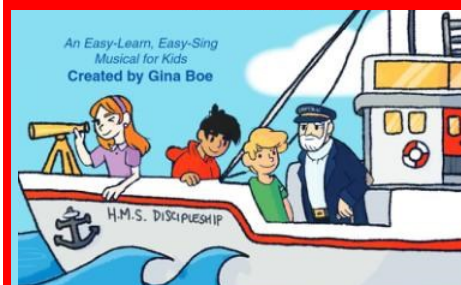
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Free breakfast for participants from 7 to 9:30 a.m.
www.fcgov.com/BTWD
CLOSING CEREMONIES | 9:45 A.M. | LINDEN/WALNUT

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!

Hosted by: **FIRST CHURCH**

GET ON BOARD

THE H.M.S.DISCIPLESHIP



Join our Children's Choir as they prepare their spring musical
DISCIPLESHIP ADVENTURE
A Musical for Kids
Created by Gina Boe
May 3, 6:30 p.m.

Our children's choirs meet each week from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and all kids preschool through 5th grade are welcome.

Coming Next Week: February 5, 2023

What Are You Looking For? Come to the Water

Mark 1:1-8

FIRST

United Methodist CHURCH

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What Are You Looking For?
HOW ABOUT COMMUNITY?
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

January 29, 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!