

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Harald Owen

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prelude *Thee Will I Love, My Strength* Joel Bacon

*Call to Worship 9:30 Joan Carter
11:00 Sandy Merriweather

*Hymn of Praise *Welcome* W&S #3152

Chorus (9:30) *O How I Love Jesus* UMH #170

Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Amazing Grace* Jack Shrader
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Genesis 1:26-27; Psalms 139:1-6, 13-14

Sermon "What Are You Looking For? A Place to Be Me"

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 *Duetto* Felix Mendelsson

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

Welcoming Our New Members

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication *Gift of Love* UMH #408

*Benediction

Postlude *Allegro maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION



Starting February 22nd
(Ash Wednesday) the **Lenten Journey for Kids** (K-5), will begin. This is a fun, interactive class to teach our First Kids about the Lenten season. We will meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks (there will be no class on March 15th - the week of Spring break.

Save the Date

First Church Camp July 7th-9th

Join us at Buckhorn Camp (only 45 minutes away) for a church-wide mountain weekend experience. All are welcome! There are a variety of ways that you can stay the weekend as a community, including tent camping, staying in your own camper or lodging provided by Buckhorn Camp.

Mark this event on your calendar. You won't want to miss it. Stay tuned for more information.

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 _____ Address _____

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 _____

Regular Attender

First Time Guest



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 Kristen Roberts, Randie Bell, Dave Rubenthaler
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Pam Metzger

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Scotia Orr

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Bill and Janice Whitaker in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper and Fundraiser

Enjoy pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and help send our youth on summer missions!

COST:
Donations Accepted

WHERE:
Fellowship Hall

WHEN:
Tuesday, Feb 21, 6 - 7:30

- *Mardi Gras crafts and games - so bring the kids*
- *Sponsored by our youth & open to the entire church*



FAITH FORMATION

Ash Wednesday Service February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ashes are placed upon the forehead of those who desire to know themselves better on their journey to connect with the divine, confessing the old by fire so that the new may rise from the ashes.

Receive ashes and a prayer - Drive-thru 7:30-8:30am on Stover
Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00pm in the sanctuary



Lenten Groups!

- ◆ Explore the *Gospel of Mark*, which will serve as the basis for each week's worship and sermon. We will meet on Monday evenings starting Feb 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, and run for six weeks.
- ◆ Lean into *The Disciples Path*, a beautiful study on being a Methodist, for six Wednesdays starting March 1. Choose between groups at 1:00 - 2:30 or 6:30 - 8:00. The evening group coincides with the children's Lenten Journey program, so parents are encouraged to attend. Books are available on the Formation table during Fellowship time and are FREE.



WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS

9:30 SERVICE



Colleen Bell



The Diaz Family



Dan & Catherine Glandt



Linda Henk



Mar Reddy-Hjelmfelt
& Eric Hjelmfelt



Jonathan Holcomb



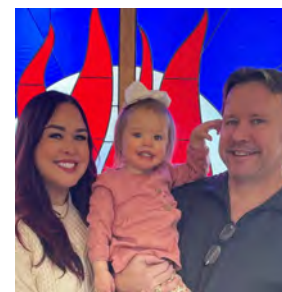
The Michalski Family



Scotia Orr



Roger Strickland

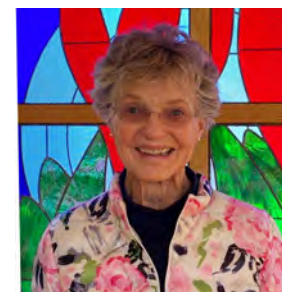


The Waldron Family

11:00 SERVICE



Kat Greiner



Marcy Lockhart

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A PLACE TO BE ME
Rev. Bradley Laurvick

February 19, 2023

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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!