

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.

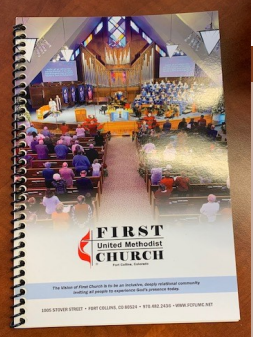
Prelude	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	arr. Patricia Cota
	Carillon Handbell Choir	
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Music for Reflection	<i>Feed My Lambs</i>	Natalie Sleeth
	Children’s Choirs	
*Call to Worship		9:30 John Allum 11:00 Rick Norton
*Hymn of Praise	<i>God of the Bible</i>	W&S #3020
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Response	<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>	arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
	Carillon Handbell Choir	
Anthem	<i>Come to Me</i>	Dan Forrest
	Sanctuary Choir · Abigail Gilson, <i>soloist</i>	
Scripture	Mark 1:17-18, 40-44	
Sermon	“The Mark of Discipleship: Avoiding the Hype”	
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. All loose dollars go to those in need.
- 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory	<i>I’ll Walk with God</i>	Nicholas Brodzsky
	Josh Colonnieves, <i>soloist</i>	
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	UMH #269
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Fugue in E-flat Major</i>	J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pictorial Directories Are Now Available

The new church directories will be available for pickup between services today in Fellowship Hall.

Please note: Directories are ONLY available for those who had their picture taken for the new directory. We did not order extras.



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 Connie Cardenas, Daphne Bear, Jeff Johnson
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Nancy Michel and family in memory of Gordon Michel.

LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH

MAY WE JOURNEY TOGETHER THROUGH LENT AS AN EASTER PEOPLE.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2 @ 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 6 @ 7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 7 @ 7:00 P.M.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

BY JOHN TROTТА WITH

CHORUS, SOLOISTS, PIANO, HARP, F HORN, AND OBOE

PRESENTED BY SANCTUARY CHOIR

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 9 @ 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOTH 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES.

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FUMC
PRESCHOOL

Registrations for
Fall 2023
Now open!

Scan the code for more
information on our licensed Co-
op Preschool



Participating in the
Universal Pre-K program!



KENYA CLEAN WATER PROJECT

for schools

This project works with our church partners in Kenya mainly to build rainwater harvesting and filtration systems in poor rural Kenyan schools. About 100 schools have received these systems in cooperation with Rotary and others since 2010. This year, in 2023, we are raising funds to build clean water and hygiene systems in 5-10 more schools. Donations of any amount are welcome. Checks or e-payment can be made to FUMC with the annotation of "Kenya Water."

See First Wire for more information.



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UNIT MEETING
Thursday, March 9, 2023

David Reid, who is a community builder at First Church, will speak on "A Surprising Road to Justice" at the March 9 unit meeting of United Women in Faith.

Reid is a First Church employee who works closely with Coloradans for the Common Good, a Front Range community organizing group.

His work focuses on starting a new affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) in Larimer and Weld counties. Everyone is invited!

Lunch is served at 11:20 a.m. and the program begins at 12:00. Questions? Contact Ellen Bode, V.Pres. elbode8@gmail.com or (970)484-8231.

Coming Next Week: March 5, 2023

"The Mark of Discipleship: Stories and Lessons of Jesus"

Mark 4:10-13

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The Mark of Discipleship:

AVOIDING THE HYPE

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

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.



February 26, 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!