

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	When in the Hour of Utmost Need	Johann Pachelbel
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Music for Reflection	Hear My Prayer Sanctuary Choir	Moses Hogan
*Call to Worship		9:30 Caroline Barkoskie 11:00 Sandy Merriweather
*Hymn of Praise	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	UMH #277
Chorus (9:30) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism	Where Children Belong	TFWS #2233 Harper Elizabeth Burns Daughter of Chris and Tiffany Burns
Children’s Message Chorus (9:30)	Where Children Belong	Barb Grauberger TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	arr. Eric Nelson Sanctuary Choir · Josquin Larsen,violin / Beth Wells, cello
Scripture	Mark 4:10-13	
Sermon	“The Mark of Discipleship: Stories and Lessons of Jesus“	
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Offering Our Gifts to God		
<div>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.</div>		
Offertory	Christ, the Life of All the Living	Flor Peeters
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	Jesu, Jesu	UMH #432
*Benediction		
Postlude	Fugue in D	Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Highlights

This week we are highlighting two existing small groups – they are inviting you to join them - all are welcome.

Morning Devotional Group
Zoom gathering each morning (Mon – Fri) at 8 am.

Weekly Prayer Group
Free flowing small group, with people sharing their various spiritual resources and praying together.

Although both groups are “self-lead,” Margaret Hotze is available to answer any of your questions. She can be reached at: 970-420-4283 or margarethotze.umw@gmail.com.

More details are available on First Wire.

Save the Date:

Jorge Montiel, lead organizer of Coloradans for the Common Good and Mountain Voices Project, will deliver the Hagen Lecture at 7 p.m. May 1 at First Church. The lecture is free but donations for the endowment are welcome. Invite your friends.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Knit-In

Saturday, March 11th
from 9:30—11:30 a.m.
In the Parlor

ALTAR FLOWERS

Everyone loves flowers, and each Sunday donated altar flowers are re-arranged by the Flower Ministry committee and delivered to church members needing well wishes. More volunteers are needed for the Flower Ministry on a rotation schedule. If you would like to help, please notify Susan Block by phone (970-219-9332) or email (gram4b@comcast.net).



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/HOLY COMMUNION SERVERS:

9:30 Elinor Bickley, Sara Gerhart, Nick Tomasini, Victoria Burkett,
Chris Weber, Judy Kinner, Don Silar, John Allum, Lois Quintana,
Cindi Ross-Bell
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Pam Metzger

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Cole

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.



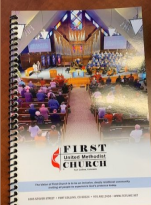
United
Women
in Faith

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.



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.

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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!



faith family hospitality

It's almost time again to welcome
unhoused families at our church!

Our guests will be here Mar. 19-26,
and sign-ups begin this weekend. As we temporarily bring them into our
community, we need help! Some shifts are family friendly (dinner prep), some
can be done at home (laundry), some are very social (evening hosts), some are
fun (child care Tuesday evenings), and some even let you sleep on the job
(overnight hosts). And all the evening shifts include dinner!
So look for the white board at the Missions Table in
Fellowship Hall between services, or go to [SignUpGenius](https://SignUpGenius.com), or
scan in this QR code to sign up online for the shifts that you
want. Thank you for your hospitality!



Bulletin & First Wire Submissions

Articles/announcements for church
activities in both the Sunday bulletin and
First Wire are welcome. Bulletin entries
are typically short, with more detail
provided in First Wire.

When: **Bulletin** - due the Wednesday
before the Sunday it needs to
appear in the bulletin

First Wire - due the Thursday before the Tuesday it needs to appear
in First Wire

How: All articles should be submitted **via email**. In the **Subject line**, please
indicate either First Wire or Bulletin.

Where: Send your article to BOTH David Adkins (choirdir@fcfumc.net)
and Shelley Nelson (administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net)



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The Mark of Discipleship:

STORIES & LESSONS OF JESUS

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

March 5, 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.

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