

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>Hosanna, Loud Hosannas</i>	Franklin Ashdown
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Music for Reflection	<i>Ride on King Jesus</i> Sanctuary Choir	Moses Hogan
*Call to Worship		9:30 Will Barkoskie 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Who Is He</i>	W&S #3082
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberg
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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Gilbert Martin
Scripture	Mark 11:1-9	
Sermon	“The Mark of Discipleship: Pushing the Institution”	
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		TFWS #2257
Giving to God through First Church: 1. Give online at fcfumc.net or on the First UMC App . 2. Check or cash. All loose one dollar bills go to those in need. 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.		
Offering Our Gifts to God		
Offertory	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i> Shelley Nelson, <i>soloist</i>	Don Wyrzten
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Were You There</i> (vs. 1-3)	UMH #288
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	Max Reger

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 on April 23 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. Please email membership@fcfumc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by April 19 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided but must be reserved by April 19.

Cold Anger: A Story of Faith and Power Politics

A three-week study of *Cold Anger: A Story of Faith and Power Politics* by Mary Beth Rogers starts in only 10 days. Order a copy of the book ASAP or contact David Reid today in Fellowship Hall or at davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707 for assistance and to register. Meets in person in Village Commons at 1 p.m. and on Zoom at 7 p.m. on April 12, 19 and 26.

FIRST CHURCH CONNECTION CARD

(Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR Scan appropriate QR codes below)

Date _____	Service Time 9:30 <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name _____	First Name _____
Email _____	Address _____		City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____	I am a First Time Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attender <input type="checkbox"/>		Regular Attender 
Please let me know about volunteer opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me about membership <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please add me to the “First Wire” weekly email list <input type="checkbox"/>			
Prayer Requests _____			

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS/COMMUNION SERVERS:

9:30 Whitney Pennington, Kayleigh Keller, Randie Bell, Chris Weber,
Ella Gentile, Caroline Barkoskie, Sara Gerhardt, Victoria Burkett
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, John Allum, Ellen Bode

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Cole

LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH

MAY WE JOURNEY TOGETHER THROUGH LENT AS AN EASTER PEOPLE.

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, FRENCH 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.

Easter Flowers—Celebrating Loved Ones

DEADLINE IS TODAY

If you would like to purchase flowers in honor or in memory of someone to be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter, you may place your order today in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$12. Please complete the forms found throughout the church building and turn in to Fellowship Hall or to the church office. You may pick up your flower after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, or on Wednesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Any flowers remaining after April 12 will be taken to our homebound members and friends. Thank you for helping make our Sanctuary festive and joyous for Easter Sunday!



Seven Last Words

by Michael John Trotta

presented by the Sanctuary Choir
with piano, flute, oboe, horn, and
multimedia enhancements

Inspired by the art of Fra Angelico

Good Friday • April 7, 2023

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Free Blood Pressure Clinic

Sponsored by Faith Community Nurse Ministry

Donna Newkirk, APRN-BC, FCN and Scothia Orr, RN, HWNC-BC



Who: Anyone

What: Confidential BP Screening,
Consultation, and Resources

Where: Gathering Place

When: April 16 from 10:30-11:30

How: Wear a light weight shirt



Putnam Elementary

- If you eat at Chipotle at 649 S. College from 4-8PM on Wednesday, April 19, 33% of your order will go to cover costs for Putnam's Eco Week. Necessary flyers are in the Fellowship Hall mission corner.
- First Church is hosting a Teacher Appreciation Brunch at the school Friday, April 21. If you can provide food or drink, please let Janet know as soon as possible at ajkrech@msn.com. Set up and serving help is also needed.
- The school has asked if we can have a Face Painting or Craft Table at a new Putnam Picnic event at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery on Tuesday, May 16 from 5-7PM. Email Janet to collaborate.

See First Wire for more details about these events.



United
Women
in Faith

All are welcome at the monthly meeting of United Women in Faith on Thursday, April 13, at 11:20 in the church parlor. After lunch, there will be a presentation by Dani Morzos, Development Director at Project Self-Sufficiency of Northern Colorado. See First Wire for more details. Questions? Call Jennie Seefeld at 970-689-1609 or Karen Waldron at 970-219-0898.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knit-In

Saturday, April 8th
from 9:30—11:30 a.m.
In the Parlor

Kids' Closet—Undie Sunday—April 23

A mission of our church providing gently used clothing to families at no cost.



Come to the
mission table in
Fellowship Hall



Your donation will provide one or more of the items pictured above.

Coming Next Week: April 9, 2023

"It's About Life"

Mark 13 - 15

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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The Mark of Discipleship:

PUSHING THE INSTITUTION

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

EasterFortCollins.com

April 2, 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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