

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 *10,000 Reasons Majesty* arr. Camp Kirkland
First Church Instrumental Ensemble

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Music for Reflection *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* arr. David Winkler

*Call to Worship 9:30 Kelly McBartlett
11:00 Pam Raab

*Hymn of Praise *At the Font We Start Our Journey* TFWS #2114
(vs 1, 2 & 4)

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233
The Sacrament of Baptism Ruby Jane Andreen
Skye Siena Andreen

Children’s Message Barb Grauberger

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *Assurance* John Ness Beck

Scripture Philippians 2:1-2, 1:27

Sermon “Relationship, Intention, Grace:
The Methodist Story”

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 one dollar bills go to those in need.
- 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory

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

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

*Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gather and Sing

Do you like to gather with others for a social get-together and sing exciting and familiar tunes? If so, do join the Gather and Sing Life Together group. Our First gathering is on May 9 (Tuesday) at 2:30-4:00 PM in the Parlor at First Church. To sign up or ask questions, email afdl@fcfumc.net.

Flood Bucket Mission

Join us on Sat., April 29 from 10 AM to noon in Fellowship Hall to help assemble 50 flood buckets. These will be given by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to people experiencing floods. You can sign up by email at serve@FCFUMC.net or at the mission table on Sunday mornings. *See First Wire for more details.*

Congregational Care: Visitation Revamp

Are you visiting our older folks? If you are, Rev. Cynthia would like to know who you are visiting. She is working on getting as many of our older folks visited, and it would be good to know who already has church visitors and who could benefit from a congregational care visitor. Please email her at c.paquette@fcfumc.net or *see First Wire for a link to sign up.*

Putnam Elementary

The school has asked if we can have a Face Painting or Craft table at a new Putnam Picnic event on Tuesday, May 16 from 5-7PM. *See First Wire for more details.*

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 _____



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 Jerry Wiese, Sarah Johnson, Jeff Johnson
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Daphne Bear

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Jean Huebsch, in memory of her parents and her husband, and by Jeff & Sarah Johnson, in honor of Betty Johnson's 100th birthday (Jeff's mother).

Habitat Faith Build Luncheon

Habitat Fort Collins is excited to kick off our Common Ground Faith Build and celebrate 30 years of building homes, community, and hope in Fort Collins. Join us at our Faith Builders Luncheon to help make home possible for a local hardworking family.

Thursday, April 27th | 11:45 am | Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 2000 S Lemay Ave

There is no cost to attend, but there will be a formal ask at the event to step out on faith and help fund a future homebuyer's home. First Church will be pledging \$5,000 toward the Faith Build this year.

Hagen Lecture—May 1

Jorge Montiel, the lead organizer for Coloradans for the Common Good, will deliver the 2023 Hagen Lecture at First UMC at 7 p.m. May 1. His topic is "Crucibles of Democracy: Institutions, Power and Public Life." All the details are here: https://www.cocommongood.org/hagen_lecture. Registration is not required but is encouraged. Simple online registration is at the bottom of that page.

A Grace-Full Life

A Grace-full Life: God's All-Reaching, Soul-Saving, Character-Shaping, Never-Ending Love

Are you wondering: In what ways is God an ever-present God? Why does God want to have a personal relationship with me? How can I fully experience and respond to God's grace? Join this four-week study that starts on May 3.

Study Dates: May 3, 10, 17, 24

Venue: Village Commons

Time: Noon-1 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in person or on zoom

Questions? Email afdl@fcfumc.net

Have Something to Donate to Your Church?

If you have something you would like to donate to First Church, please get approval from a staff person or a church ministry/committee leader before bringing your item(s) to the church. The person who approves/accepts the donation will be responsible for the storage and usage of the item(s). Currently, we are not accepting donations of aluminum cans. Questions? Call the church office, 970-482-2436.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

Rev. Bradley Laurvick, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Cynthia Paquette, *Pastor of Congregational Engagement*

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries*

Dr. Joel Bacon, *Organist/Artist in Residence*

Brenna Martin, *Children's Choir Coordinator*

Abigale Gilson, *Children's Choir Director*

Karen Stooddy, *Organist Emeritus*

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*

Victoria Burkett, *Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

David Reid, *Community Builder*

Laurie Elliott, *Childcare Coordinator*

Liza Judd-Salimbeni, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*

Ali Gessler, *Director of Pre-School*

Gail Farnum, *Director of Parent's Day Out*

Administrative and Facilities Staff

Jim Doser, *Worship Technology Lead*

Nathan Abrahamson, *Worship Technology Assistant*

Shelley Nelson, *Administrative & Communications Assistant*

Shauna Bjork, *Accountant*

Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*

Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator*

Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*

Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

Coming Next Week: April 30, 2023

"Relationship, Intention, Grace: Grace Is Unfair"

Ephesians 2:1-10



April 23, 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!