

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)
- 10:55 a.m. Open Hearts Class—Village Commons



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise as you are able.

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| Prelude | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Rebecca G. te Velde |
| Welcome | | Rev. Bradley Laurvick |
| *Call to Worship | | 9:30 Garrett Putman 11:00 Sandy Merriweather |
| *Hymn of Praise | Praise the Source of Faith & Learning (vs 1 & 2) | TFWS #2004 |
| Chorus (9:30) | Where Children Belong | TFWS #2233 |
| Children’s Message | | Barb Grauberger |
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| The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00) | | Claire Mink Gentile |
| Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer | | |
| Anthem | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | arr. David Schwoebel Sanctuary Choir |
| Scripture | Jeremiah 6:16 | |
| Sermon | “Relationship, Intention, Grace: Where Do I Begin . . .” | |
| The Sacrament of Holy Baptism | | |
| 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.

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| Offertory | Folk Prelude on “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” | C. Cooman |
| *Doxology | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH #95 |
| *Sending Prayer | | |
| *Hymn of Dedication | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs 1 & 3) | UMH #400 |
| *Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Grand Choeur in G | Théodore Salomé |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gather and Sing
Do you like to gather with others for a social get-together and sing exciting and familiar tunes? If so, 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.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic
Sponsored by Faith Community Nursing
Who: Anyone
Where: Gathering Place
What: Confidential BP Screening, Consultation and Resources
When: May 7, 2023, 10:30
How: Wear a light weight shirt

United Women in Faith
Please join UWFaith on **Thursday, May 11, at 11:20AM in the church parlor.** All are welcome at our meetings. After lunch, there will be a presentation on Faith Family Hospitality (FFH), an inter-faith program operating in northern Larimer County since 2012. First Church serves as a host congregation. The unit business meeting will follow the presentation and will include a call to Prayer and Self-Denial and a collection for the layette program. Questions? Contact Ellen Bode at 970-484-8231 or Karen Waldron at 970-219-0898.

Blessing of the Bicycles
Ride on over to Eastside Park (just a couple blocks from the church) on Sunday, May 21st, 1:00-2:00pm, as we offer a blessing for you and your bike! We will have snacks, safety checks, and helmet fittings. It’s a drop in event, stop by any time during the hour.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Join our Knit-In this Saturday, May 13, from 9:30—11:30 in the Parlor. All skill levels are welcome.

Vacation Bible School · June 5 - 9 from 9:00AM - 12 Noon

Use the QR code to sign up:



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/COMMUNION SERVERS:

- 9:30 Joe Ahlbrandt, Chris Weber, Christi Bickley, Rich Raab, Emily Anderson, Cindi Ross-Bell, Karen Kiser, Simon Helon, Lukas Helon, Karen Waldron, Robby Weber, Randy Bell, Gavin Diaz
- 11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Karrie Patterson, Pam Metzger, Claire Gentile

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Scothia Orr

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Lisa Carlson, in gratitude for God's unending love.

Faith Family Network

Have you been thinking about volunteering with the Family Faith Network events at our church, but want to learn more? Or, you're already volunteering but haven't done an "official training"? Get ready - it's time for our annual training! On Wednesday, May 10, at 7PM, we are meeting in Fellowship Hall. Representatives from the Family Hospitality Network (our "parent" organization) will be at our church to lead our training. This is for all volunteer positions, and we highly encourage existing volunteers to attend. Please come and meet Jodi, Annette and our FUMC FFN/FHN Leadership Team, and learn more about this wonderful ministry and how you can serve!

Soul Work using the Enneagram

The purpose of the Enneagram is to support our personal growth both spiritually and psychologically. It is a process of self-inquiry. By becoming more consciously aware, we wake up to what blinds us to the truth.

Large group educational teaching with group participation. No materials are required to attend.

Sessions will be held at First Church and led by Catherine Glandt, BS, Trained VA Hospital Chaplain, Certified in Enneagram work

Large group educational teaching with group participation, 3 group sessions. Choose 1 of the group sessions during each of the 3 weeks;

- Session 1: Wednesday, May 10th at 5:30 – 7:00 pm (bring sack lunch, if desired) or Saturday, May 13th at 10:30 am – 12 noon
- Session 2: May 17th at 5:30 pm or May 20th at 10:30 am
- Session 3: May 31st at 5:30 pm or June 3rd at 10:30 am

Rev. Cynthia is in our thoughts and prayers . . .

Rev. Cynthia is on medical leave until end of July. If you did not catch her announcement during worship, you can find it at the end of the April 30th service via the website.

She will not be checking/replying to emails or voicemails until then. If you need pastoral assistance for pastoral care, end of life care, hospital visits, or funerals, please contact the church office at 970-482-2436, or Rev. Brad at brad@fcfumc.net

For other ministry areas please reach out to these ministry area leaders:

Adult Faith - Whitney Pennington Discipleship - Lisa Fenton Free
Congregational Care - Karen Kiser Library - Louise Meiman
Membership - Gail Wells Welcoming - Judy Kinner

Please contact the church office (970-482-2436) and leave a detailed voicemail/message to get in touch with them.

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Putnam Elementary

The school has asked if we can have a Face Painting at a new Putnam Picnic event at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery on Tuesday, May 16 from 5-7PM. In the past, we have used washable stamps and face crayons for Putnam face painting. Help is needed with that easy method or with real face painting! Email serve@fcfumc.net to volunteer. Thanks to all who provided food and helping hands for the Teacher Appreciation Brunch Burrito Bar! It was supremely appreciated! Also – thanks to Cindi Ross-Bell, who has offered to give chair massages to Putnam staff on May 15, which will accompany made-to-order lattes. The teachers work SO hard; we at FUMC can share the energy and love God has given us!

Faith Family Hospitality

Annual training - May 10, 7PM to 8:30PM

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Next Host Dates - May 21-28 for Family Faith Network

It's almost time again to welcome unhoused families at our church! Our guests will be here May 21-28, and sign-ups began last weekend. As we temporarily bring them into our community, we need help! Some shifts are family friendly (dinner preparation), some can be done at home (laundry or baking desserts), 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! We are also adding some new jobs so there's some-thing for everyone! Take a look at the white board at the Missions Table in Fellowship Hall between services, scan in this QR code to sign up online for the shifts that you want. Thank you for your hospitality!



Preschool Playground Fundraiser

Thank you for helping us with our Playground refresh project. Visit our table in Fellowship Hall today during Fellowship Time. We are so excited to begin a collaboration between the church and our preschool community. The playground is enjoyed by many of the children's programs in the church, including:

FUMC Preschool · Parents Day Out · Sunday School · Vacation Bible School · Faith Families

We are also hoping to create a space where adults can gather to enjoy fellowship and being outdoors. Any donation is greatly appreciated!

Coming Next Week: May 14, 2023

“Relationship, Intention, Grace: We Don’t Get Anywhere Alone”
Matthew 6:13-16



May 7, 2023

You are most welcome at First Church.

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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!