

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. 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 in body or spirit.

Prelude *Simple Gifts* arr. Shapiro
FUMC Instrumental Ensemble

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

*Music for Reflection *Reflection: Immortal, Invisible* by Harold Owen
Dr. Joel Bacon, organist

*Call to Worship 9:30 Bill Emslie
11:00 Rick Norton

*Hymn of Praise *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH #103

Chorus (9:30) *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261
Children's Message Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30) *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Steve Coldiron
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture 2 Kings 2:5-15

Sermon Simple Gifts: This is Yours Now Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Offering Our Gifts to God

Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at fcfumc.net.
2. Check or cash. All loose one dollar bills go to those in need.
3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory Canon by George Chadwick

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication *A Home Where All Belong*
Sung to the tune *Aurelia*

*Benediction

Postlude Canzona by Johann Kaspar Kerll

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUMC Travel Club Meeting

Our next meeting is **Monday, January 29, at 7pm in Room "Club 5.0" (2nd floor)**. We will talk about our 2024 travel plans! New members are always welcome! Questions? Contact Robin at RNorell@gmail.com

The Wesley Prayer Challenge

The Tuesday Prayer and Share group will begin a study of The Wesley Prayer Challenge, by Chris Folmsbee, on **Tuesday, February 6**. Join us in the **Upper Room Classroom from 10-noon** for pondering, praying, and practicing this Covenant Prayer. **Books are available on Amazon.** Contact Margaret Hotze for more info at 970 420 4283.

2024 SPRING SPEAKER SERIES - FEBRUARY 7

You are invited to join one of our very own, **Jill Phipps/Jill Haymaker** (jillhaymaker.com), regular contributor of Chicken Soup for the Soul books and popular clean romance writer, for an evening of dessert and fun learning about **"Writing Stories and Writing Your Own Story"**. Jill's books will also be available for purchase. **Dessert and book signing is from 6:30 – 7 p.m.. Jill speaks from 7-8 p.m..** Childcare will be provided, but must be reserved by calling the church office by February 2.

Come sing with "Songs for Life"

Join us **Sundays 11-11:45 in Rhythm Road classroom** at the far east side of the 2nd floor of the education wing. We are enjoying learning each other's favorite Contemporary Christian pop/praise tunes.

Pancake Supper—Save the Date!

It's almost time for our annual Pancake Supper! Bring the whole family on **2/13 at 6 p.m.** to enjoy a pancake meal, Mardi Gras crafts, and other Carnival fun. This event is led by our FUMC youth group, and all donations will help fund our summer missions! Questions? Email Victoria Burkett at youth@fcfumc.net.

2024 SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES

PRAYING WITH PRAYER BEADS with Diana Grant and Lynnè Diaz Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Noon – 1 p.m., 7 – 8 p.m. at The Church Parlor

Join Diana and Lynnè for a workshop on making prayer beads that you can use in your prayer time during Lent and beyond. Books that guide you in praying with beads will be available for purchase. **Sign up for the workshop with the QR code.**



Congregational Engagement Opportunities

Scan the QR code or go to <http://tinyurl.com/CongregationalEngagement> for a full list of opportunities to help you grow in faith, get involved, meet new people, learn about care opportunities, and discover new selections from our First Church Library.



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS:

9:30 Lois Quintana, Mark Yergler, Brian Wells,
Judy Kinner, Curtis Bridges
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Shan Watkins

WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Scothia Orr

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given from one of our members in honor of our ministry team & everyone who made Christmas so special & meaningful.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic Today!

Come have your blood pressure checked including a free nursing consult today. Sponsored by your FUMC Faith Community Nurses.

Class Facilitators Training Today

The Adult Faith Formation Team is looking for interested congregation members to assist us in facilitating FUMC's Wednesday classes, Advent classes, Lent classes, and other future offerings for adults. **Join us on today from 12-2pm for a training session**, where we will be sharing our vision for faith formation classes and expectations and support given for lay facilitators to achieve that vision. All are invited, regardless of previous facilitation experience. Lunch included.

Winter 2024 Digital Pictorial Directory

Winter 2024 digital pictorial directory is ready. Please pick up the links/QR codes from the welcome center. We are a green church, but limited printed copies will be available - for people without internet access - for pick up on Wednesday or Sunday mornings. If your picture is not in the directory, please contact membership@fcfumc.net or call the church office. This pictorial directory will be updated every quarter. This is a relationship building tool to help all of us get to know each other better.

Lenten Journey for Kids

Only 40 spots available! **Starting February 14th**, the Lenten Journey for Kids is available to **K-5th grade**. We will be allowing kids to stay until 8 p.m. to align with youth group, classes or just for fun. This is an interactive class to teach our First Kids about the Lenten season. **We will meet each Wednesday for 6 weeks 6:30-7:30**. There will be no class on March 13th (Spring break). Sign up with the QR code!



Save the Date

Join us at Buckhorn Camp (only 45 minutes away) July 26th-28th, for a church wide mountain weekend experience. Look for more information coming soon!

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Faith Family Hospitality Sign Up

It's time again to welcome unhoused families at our church! **Our guests will be here today through February 4**. Scan the QR code to see how you can help.



Do You Shop at Albertsons Safeway?

Stop by the United Women in Faith/Grocery Cards table in Fellowship Hall to pick up a Community Giving Gift Card at no cost. Take the card to Safeway. Before the checker starts your order, tell them you want to reload a gift card. Load any amount up to \$500 on the card. Every time you use the card to pay for groceries or fuel, Albertsons Safeway will donate money to support missions through First Church and United Women in Faith.

New Look, New Year

First United Methodist Co-op PreSchool is excited to unveil our new logo and announce the 2024-2025 school year registration. If you or anyone you know are interested, please register online starting **2/6 at 9 a.m.**. **Check out the PreSchool's website to register and find Programming details** (www.preschoolfumc.org). Questions? Email Ali Gessler, PreSchool Director at preschooldirector@fcfumc.net.



Our Church Staff

Scan the QR code for our staff directory and get to know our staff.



Connect With Our Pastors

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SIMPLE GIFTS

January 28, 2024

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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!