

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	<i>When in our Music God is Glorified</i> Dr. Joel Bacon, organist	by Craig Philips
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Music for Reflection	<i>Simple Gifts</i> Carillon Handbell Choir	arr. Hopkins
*Psalter	Psalms 100 (Response 1)	UMH #821 9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Joan Carter
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i> (Vs 1-3)	UMH #161
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Lord of the Dance</i>	UMH #261
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Lord of the Dance</i>	UMH #261
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Blessed Be the Name of the Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir	by Grotenhuis
Scripture	1 Samuel 16:14-23	
Sermon	Simple Gifts: David Gives a Song	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
The Sacrament of Holy Communion	<i>Psalms 100</i> <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> Carillon Handbell Choir	UMH #2257
Offering Our Gifts to God		
<div>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.</div>		
Offertory	<i>Break Bread Together</i>	by Dale Wood
*Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>When In Our Music God is Glorified</i>	UMH #68
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Psalms XIX</i>	by Benedetto Marcello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 - 2/7

You are invited to join one of our very own, **Jill Phipps/Jill Haymaker** ([jillhaymaker.com](https://www.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..**

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Knit-In

Join us 2/10 from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. in The Parlor to create prayer shawls. Knitters and Crocheters welcome. Mentors and Materials are waiting!

Free Blood Pressure Clinic Next Sunday

Come have your blood pressure checked on **2/11**, including a free nursing consult. Sponsored by your FUMC Faith Community Nurses. Call or email Scothia Orr with questions, scothiaorr@gmail.com or 970-589-9793.

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 _____ Address _____ 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 _____


Regular Attender


First Time Guest

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS/COMMUNION SERVERS:

Chris Weber, Randie Bell, Gavin Diaz, Sara Gerhardt, Claire Gentile, Eric Wilkinson, John Allum, Ellen Bode, Lois Quintana

WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton-Free

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Louise Thornton in honor of Geroge Thornton's birthday.

Lenten Journey for Kids

Only a few spots left! **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!



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 with the QR code.**



Winter 2024 Digital Pictorial Directory

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, contact membership@fcfumc.net or call the church office. This directory will be updated every quarter.

2024 Lenten Study - Will meet in Village Commons

Wednesdays, February 28 – March 20, 2024 - Noon – 1 PM, 7 – 8 p.m.

Beginning to Pray is a simple and powerful book, by Russian Orthodox Bishop Anthony Bloom. Bloom was the son of a diplomat and an atheist who came to faith while serving as a physician. At the heart of his preaching and teaching was a personal encounter with God in prayer. Purchase books (\$10 each) on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. **Childcare will be provided but must be reserved by calling the church office by 2/23.**



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.



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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. Online registration begins **2/6 at 9 a.m.**. To register online and find programming details, visit the **PreSchool's website**

www.preschoolfumc.org). We offer quality Early Childhood Education to preschool (3's) and PreK (4's+) in a cooperative part time PreSchool. We would love to have you join our PreSchool community. For questions, **email** Ali Gessler, PreSchool Director at preschooldirector@fcfumc.net.



Habitat for Humanity Travel Opportunity

The most destructive and expensive fire in Oregon's history, known as the Almeda fire, scorched through Rogue Valley in September of 2020. The fire left behind a 13-mile-long burn scar destroying 2,600 homes, 200 businesses, and left 10,000 people displaced. Habitat for Humanity (Rogue Valley) has taken the lead in the county's Long-Term Recovery Group to rebuild their community. Habitat is giving us the opportunity to travel to Medford, OR to team up with Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity to restore homes and change the lives of families who call the scenic mountain landscape of the Pacific northwest home. Our team is limited to 9 people, and we will travel **September 22 - 28, 2024**. Please contact Cindi Ross-Bell at (970) 481-0921 or falcor@frii.com for more information.

United Women in Faith Living Water Unit Meeting

Please join the United Women in Faith unit for their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 8, at 11:20—1:30 in the church parlor. Circle Sarah will be hosting the lunch before a presentation provided by the Larimer County Water Commission. Following the presentation, there will be a business meeting, including a Pledge Service. Questions? Call JoAn Hopkins at 970-222-5925 or Julie Wilson at 970-226-5925.

Our Church Staff



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SIMPLE GIFTS

February 4, 2024

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!