

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.

- 8:30 a.m.** Second Stagers—Conference Room
- 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 *Hymn to Joy* by May Schwarz
Dr. Joel Bacon, organist

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

*Music for Reflection *In Our Day of Thanksgiving* by Emma Lou Diemer

*Call to Worship 9:30 Colleen Bell
11:00 Jerry Wiese

*Hymn of Praise *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

Chorus (9:30) *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH #322

Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *My Song in the Night* by Elaine Hagenberg
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Exodus 2:1-10

Sermon Women in the Bible: Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Mother of All

Offering Our Gifts to God

Giving to God through First Church:

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

Offertory *Rescue the Perishing* by Joyce Jones

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

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication Faith of Our Mothers
(To the tune of Faith of Our Fathers) UMH #710

*Benediction

Postlude *Rigadoun* by Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Conference 2024 Recap

You are invited to a webinar on **Monday, May 13th at 5:30 PM MT**. Join Bishop Karen Oliveto and members of the Mountain Sky delegation as they walk us through all that happened during the General Conference in Charlotte. They will be sharing their experiences, explaining legislation, and answering a few questions. Join the Zoom Webinar using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GC2024Recap>. First Church will be hosting a discussion in June for all who would like to gather and discuss GC2024.

All Church Retreat-Buckhorn Camp

Registration is open now! Join us at Buckhorn Camp (only 45 minutes away) **July 26-28**, for a church wide mountain weekend experience. If you missed last year, you won't want to miss this year! Fees include choices in lodging, food and activities. You can even bring your camper or pitch a tent! Sign up/Pay with QR code. It is going to be a fantastic weekend.



Snacks, Stories, and Style

Sunday May 19 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Senior Adults and Youth are invited to this intergenerational event where to share stories over snacks while dressed in style! Dress up in an outfit or accessory meaningful to you; nachos, dessert, and question prompts will be provided. If you plan on attending, **please RSVP by emailing Rev. Cynthia (c.paquette@fcfumc.net) by May 15.**

Volunteer Opportunity Weekdays in the Church Office

We need volunteers to work in the church office during the week! The office is open from **9:00 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday**. The volunteer answers the phone, greets and directs people who come to the office. If you volunteer, you can bring a book, knitting or any project you are working on as there is free time. Training will be provided. If you can volunteer once a month, **please email Dana Sampson (danalsampson@gmail.com)**. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the church, staff, and congregation.

Songs for Life Summer Schedule

Songs for Life Contemporary Christian singing small group meets at 11 am in Rhythm Road classroom on the 2nd floor of the education wing. We will not meet Mother's Day, but will have our last weekly meeting 5/19. We want to keep in touch over the summer, so we have 6/23, 7/14, and 8/4 scheduled. Email Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com, to sign up for reminders/notifications.

Grief Support Group

Grief is a NORMAL, NATURAL, and NECESSARY journey that we can do together. Whether your loss is recent or ongoing, join us for a time of support, learning, and reflection this Tuesday, May 14 at 1 pm in the Conference Room. Additional Spring date: May 28

Congregational Engagement Opportunities

Scan the QR code or go to <http://tinyurl.com/CongregationalEngagement> for a full list of opportunities.



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS:

9:30 Lois Quintana, Debbie Herring, Randy Olson, Judy Kinner
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Shan Watkins

WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Judy Kinner in memory of her parents, Garland and Marjorie Gregory and Aunt Joyce Guynes.

Faith Family Network - 2 WEEK HOSTING IS COMING!

It's almost time again to welcome unhoused families at our church! This time, our guests will be here from May 26 - June 9 (2 weeks)! Sign-ups begin today! As we temporarily bring them into our community, we need help! Some shifts include dinner preparation, laundry, evening hosts, child care Tuesday evenings, and overnight hosts. All evening shifts include dinner! Food donations also needed. We have **DOUBLE** the shifts and need **DOUBLE** the food! So look for the white board at the Missions Table in Fellowship Hall between services, or scan this QR code to sign up. Thank you for your hospitality!



Celebrate Habitat for Humanity on May 19th

As one of our local Mission out-reaches, First Church is anchoring the 2024 Faith Build with a \$50,000 donation to Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity which will build two homes in the Harmony Villages. Join us on Sunday, May 19th, as we introduce the two families who will be the recipients of the homes we will be building this year. Come and hear how, through Habitat, we are offering hope and transforming lives.

Disaster Recovery Trip to Medford, Oregon

First Church will be "hosting" a Disaster Recovery Team with Habitat for Humanity in Medford, OR in September of this year. If you would like to know more about how you can be involved, please plan on attending a short Information Meeting on Sunday May 19th at 12:00 in the Conference Room. **Email Cindi Ross-Bell (falc@frc.org)** with questions.

VBS Registration is now open! Don't Miss the Fun!

June 3rd-7th, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm

Cost: 1 child-\$50, 2 children-\$65, 3 children-\$75 (children must be from the same family to receive multiple children discount). Full time volunteers -children attend for FREE! Open to Pre-K (must be 4 years old by 9/15/24) to students completing 5th grade.

Sign up to register & volunteer here:



Pay Here:



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Women's Retreat 2024: Soul Care, Storytelling, and Healing

Saturday, October 5th, 9 am-4 pm at Buckhorn Camp

Speaker: Rose Red Elk Red Feather Woman | Award-Winning Native American Musician (<https://www.redfeatherwoman.com/>)

Fee: \$50.00/per person (fee includes breakfast, lunch, all-day beverages, program, and activity supplies)

Payment Due: 9/15 (Last Date for Cancellations and Refunds: 9/17)

Transportation: Carpool (meet at church at 7:30 am - details closer to event)

Register: www.FirstChurchFC.org/WomensRetreat or Scan QR code



Participate in a day focused on soul care by understanding that sharing and telling our personal stories enables healing and creates stronger communities. Our speaker, Rose Red Elk is an international performing arts entertainer, known by her Native American traditional and stage name, Red Feather Woman. She is an accomplished storyteller, singer, songwriter and author from the Fort Peck Reservation in Poplar, Montana, and an enrolled member of the Sioux/Assiniboine Tribes. Rose aka Red Feather Woman is helping heal humanity, as she blends the traditional American Indian stories through oral storytelling and guided meditations.

Pine Ridge Work Party July 8-12

We need a group of 4-5 people who are willing to work with members of the tribe to upgrade the kitchen in the Reconciliation Center! We will tear out the old cabinets and replace the flooring under the cabinets! The tribal members will direct our efforts. We will stay at the Reconciliation Center. Cost is \$50/night, for a total of \$250 per person (scholarships available). There will be opportunities for immersion, a time to learn about our Native American brothers and sisters and ways that we can work for reconciliation, visits from artists, as well as a chance to visit sites on the reservation. I am excited and hope several of you will join me! Let me know if you are interested by **emailing me - Elaine Karns** at elkinco@aol.com.

Face Painting for Putnam event at the FC Museum of Discovery

1-3 more face painters needed for this special event from 5-7 pm Tuesday, May 21. Janet has an easy way to accomplish this, involving face-paint crayons and stamps to make outlines, or you can do it the traditional way.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Your Faith Community Nurses are having their Free Monthly Blood Pressure Clinic between services in the Gathering Place next Sunday. All are welcome.

Connect With Our Pastors

Rev. Brad Laurvick

Lead Pastor

brad@fcfmc.net

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Pastor of Congregational Engagement

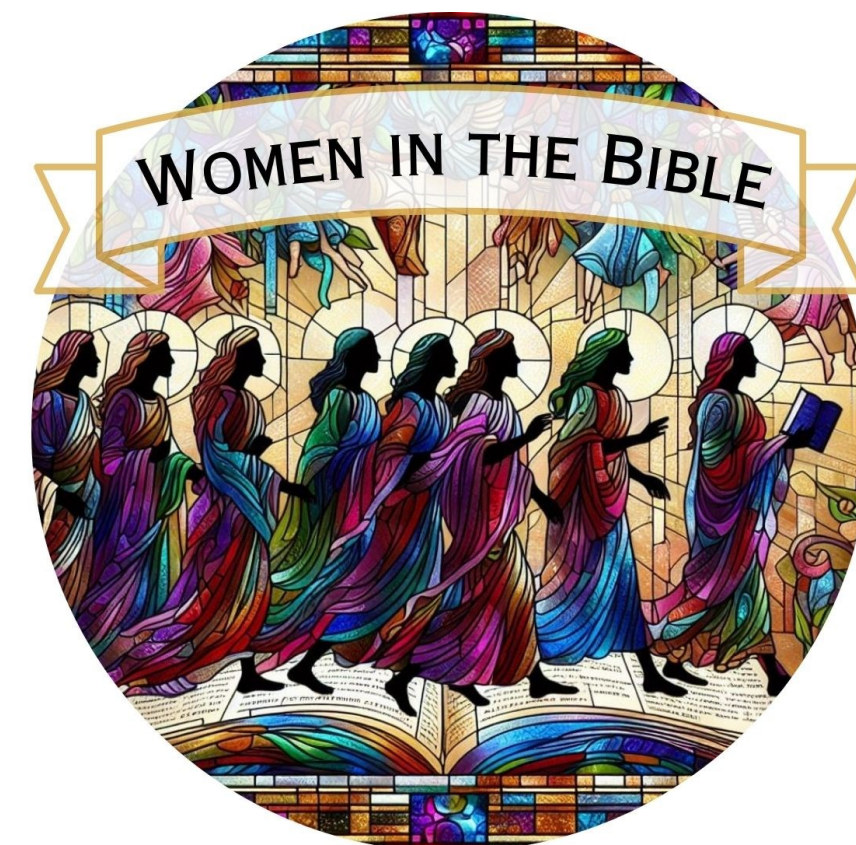
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Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!