

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Lloyd Larson
Children's Handchimes

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

*Music for Reflection *A Mountain Hymn* arr. Helen Kemp
Cherub and Starlight Children's Choirs

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Carl Schalk
Children's Choir and Handchimes

*Call to Worship Ruby Andreen

*Hymn of Praise *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* TFWS #2004

Chorus (9:30) *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH #322
Children's Message Victoria Burkett
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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Mackenna Matthews

Anthem *Love Can Change the World* by A New Liturgy
Youth Ensemble

Scripture Esther 5:12-14 Kieran Landers

Sermon Women in the Bible: Rev. Bradley Laurvick
A Moment Like This

The Sacrament of Holy Communion TFWS #2257

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 *Nuvole Bianche* by Ludovico Einaudi
Zadia Diaz, piano

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

*Sending Prayer Mason McAllister

*Hymn of Dedication *Here I Am Lord* UMH #593

*Benediction

Postlude *Rondeau* by Giovanni Buononcini
Elinor Bickley, trumpet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



DISCIPLESHIP BOOK STUDY

Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness
Wednesdays, May 8 – 29, 2024 from Noon – 1 pm, 7 – 8 pm, Village Commons

Minister and advocate Kevin Nye introduces readers to the Christ he's met in tents, shelters, and drop-in centers. **Sign up using QR code.** Purchase a book (**\$13 each**) on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.



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)** and let her know what days will work for you. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the church and meet church staff and members of the congregation.

FUMC Men's Group Meeting Schedule

The Men's Group is getting back together on the **1st Tuesday of each month starting May 7**. We will be meeting at **Panera Bread**, (2721 Council Tree Ave. #143, Fort Collins) starting at **5:30 pm**. Please join us! Looking forward to meaningful discussions as to how our faith contributes to our everyday life based upon some of our most recent personal experiences and activities.

Knit In Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knit-In Saturday, May 11, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. New Crocheters and Knitters Welcome. Mentors and Materials await!

UW Faith is Lifting Up Voices For Climate Justice On Thursday, May 9

United Women in Faith— Meeting on the Call to Prayer 2024: Lifting Up Voices For Climate Justice. All are welcome. Lunch at 11:20 in The Parlor, followed by a video, collection for Call to Prayer and items for the layette project. Someone will be at the south doors to let people in.

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:

Elinor Bickley, Gavin Diaz, Sky Novak, Connor Matthews, Joey Laurvick, Mackenna Matthews, Mason McAllister, Lukas Helin, Simon Helin, Titus Overacker, Colin Kiser, Randie Bell, Eric Wilkinson

WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Robert Kiser

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Sarah and Jeff Johnson.

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)! 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!



Volunteer at our Partner School

A lunchtime run club needs adults to tally laps/reward kids on Thursdays/Fridays 11:45-1. Kindergarten technology needs an assistant to help kids listen/follow easy directions with robotic toys Wednesdays 12:30-1:40. **Teacher Appreciation Brunch May 7 11-12:30 (food needed, scan QR code).**



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, 2nd child-\$65, 3rd child-\$75 (children must be from same family to get 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:



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Congratulations Class of 2024!



Angelina Hamlin
Ridgeview Classical Schools



Colin Kiser
Fossil Ridge High School



Susie Land
Fort Collins High School



Annabelle Neely
Fossil Ridge High School



Benton Elizabeth Orr
Fort Collins High School



Gavin Payne
Fossil Ridge High School



Carter Woodson
Colorado State University

Connect With Our Pastors

Rev. Brad Laurvick
Lead Pastor
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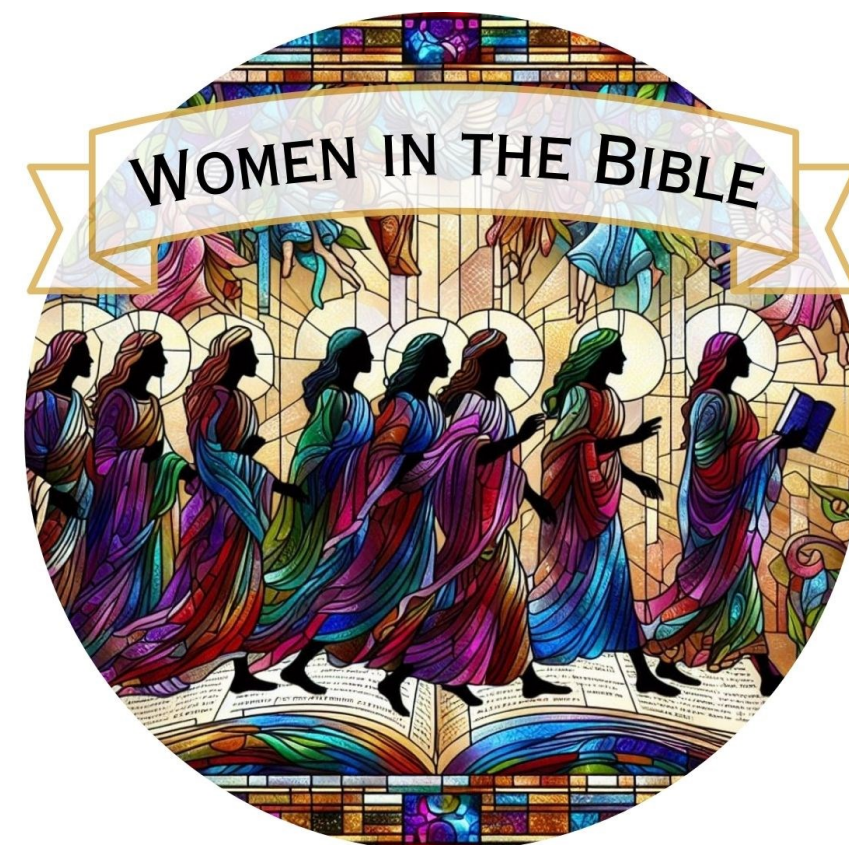
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May 5, 2024

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