

## Serve with Us!

- **Habitat For Humanity** - we are the primary church behind building a second home this year!
- **Kids' Closet** - providing free clothing for children throughout our community. Donate, volunteer, or pick out clothes.
- **Rainbow Swim** - we sponsor an all ages LGBTQIA+ night at City Park Pool, every Monday from 6:15-8:15 p.m., between Memorial Day and Labor Day
- **Faith Family Hospitality** - we open our building to unhoused families as a part of the FFH network, providing space, care, and support amidst their journey to housing
- **Putnam Elementary** - there are countless ways to support Putnam and the education of children in our community, including lots of spring events that we support
- **Pine Ridge and Kenya** - we reach beyond Fort Collins in service to those in need, be it equipping a community kitchen on the Pine Ridge reservation or digging wells in Kenya

Learn more and get involved - [FirstChurchFC.org/Outreach](http://FirstChurchFC.org/Outreach)

## Learn with Us!

- **Children's Sunday School** - weekly at 9:30 a.m. after children's message
- **Youth Sunday School** - Youth basement; weekly at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (6-12 grade)
- **High School Group or "Sunday Sidetrackers"** - Sundays 5 - 6:30 p.m. (9-12 grade) (Will not meet on Easter)
- **Wednesday Night Youth Group** - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 p.m. (6-12 grade)
- **Adult Sunday School** - 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.
- **Adult Faith Formation Classes** - Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.
- **Church Library** - open for all to check out books anytime the church building is open

For more information, visit [FirstChurchFC.org/Ministries](http://FirstChurchFC.org/Ministries)

## Newsletters

To sign up for our weekly newsletters (First Wire, Children, and Youth), visit [FirstChurchFC.org/Newsletters](http://FirstChurchFC.org/Newsletters)

## Connect with Us...

- **Life Together Groups** - small groups for all interests including pickleball, parenting, and travel. To see all small groups, visit [FirstChurchFC.org/LifeTogetherGroups](http://FirstChurchFC.org/LifeTogetherGroups)
- **United Women in Faith** - small group "circles" meet for study, closer fellowship, and supporting local missions. For more information, visit [FirstChurchFC.org/UnitedWomenInFaith](http://FirstChurchFC.org/UnitedWomenInFaith)

## Care with Us...

- **Prayer & Share** - A small group that meets to share concerns and pray together - Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- **OK Chorale** - a singing group for people with memory loss; 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 3 p.m.
- **Grief Support** - A small group for people who have lost loved ones; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

For more information, visit [FirstChurchFC.org/Care](http://FirstChurchFC.org/Care)

## Make Music with Us!

The music ministry at First Church is a vibrant community always looking to welcome new members! Below are a few of the opportunities to share your musical talents and become involved.

- **Sanctuary Choir** is the core of our music program. We sing Sundays throughout September-May. No audition is required, and all adults are welcome. Additionally, we are gathering interest for a Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school students). If you're interested, contact our Director of Music.
- **Handbell Choir** - We currently have one advanced handbell choir open to adults with handbell experience. We are gathering interest for a beginner handbell choir, as well. If you're interested, contact our Director of Music.
- **Church Orchestra** - For advanced high school students and adults that play at a moderately advanced level. All band and orchestral instrumentalists are welcome.
- **Children's Choirs** - For pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This group sings monthly in worship and typically presents two musicals per year.
- **Children's Handchime Choir** - meets for 6 week periods throughout the year. Watch for more details.

Please contact our Director of Music, Nathan Payant, if you're interested in joining any of our groups or have questions at [music@fcfumc.net](mailto:music@fcfumc.net).

Rev. Bradley Laurvick  
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

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Dr. Nathan Payant  
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Director of Music  
Director of Children's  
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Dr. Joel Bacon

Organist/Artist in Residence

Ushers: 9:30 Debbie Herring, Randie Bell,  
Chris Webber, Judy Kinner, Connie Cardenas,  
Don Silar, Cindi Ross-Bell

11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Lisa Koepke,  
Sandra Stille, Christi Bickley

Liturgists: 9:30 Stephanie Lane  
11:00 Joan Carter

Worship Care Team Member: Anne Moyer

# Happy EASTER

He has been raised.  
He isn't here.

Mark 16:6b

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# Easter Service

March 31, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude *Easter Celebration* arr. Camp Kirkland  
FUMC Instrumental Ensemble & Organ, Dr. Joel Bacon

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick  
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

\*Call to Worship One: The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.  
**All: All that remains is the empty tomb.**  
One: The Lord has risen; he's no longer among the dead.  
**All: He lives. The Lord has risen!**  
One: Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.  
**All: Let us then worship together, replacing doubt and fear with joy and life.**

Introit *With a Voice of Singing* by Martin Shaw  
Sanctuary Choir and Organ

\*Hymn of Praise *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH #302

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Chorus *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH# #322

**Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Children's Message  
Chorus

*Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH# #322

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture John 20:1-10

Sermon Being Known

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* by John Rutter  
Sanctuary Choir and Organ

\*Doxology *He Lives* UMH #310  
**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.**

\*Sending Prayer **We rejoice in the new life of Easter, for God's promise of life is fulfilled once again!  
May we experience the blessing of this day, as we are reminded that nothing can  
separate us from God's love. Let us leave this place amazed, ready to not only  
share the good news, but ready to live the life we have been given. For just as  
on that first Easter morning, Christ is alive and goes before us. Hallelujah! Amen!**

\*Hymn of Dedication *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH #327

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response *Hallelujah Chorus* by G. F. Handel  
Sanctuary Choir and Organ

Postlude *Fantasy in G* J.S. Bach

## Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at [FirstChurchFC.org](http://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.