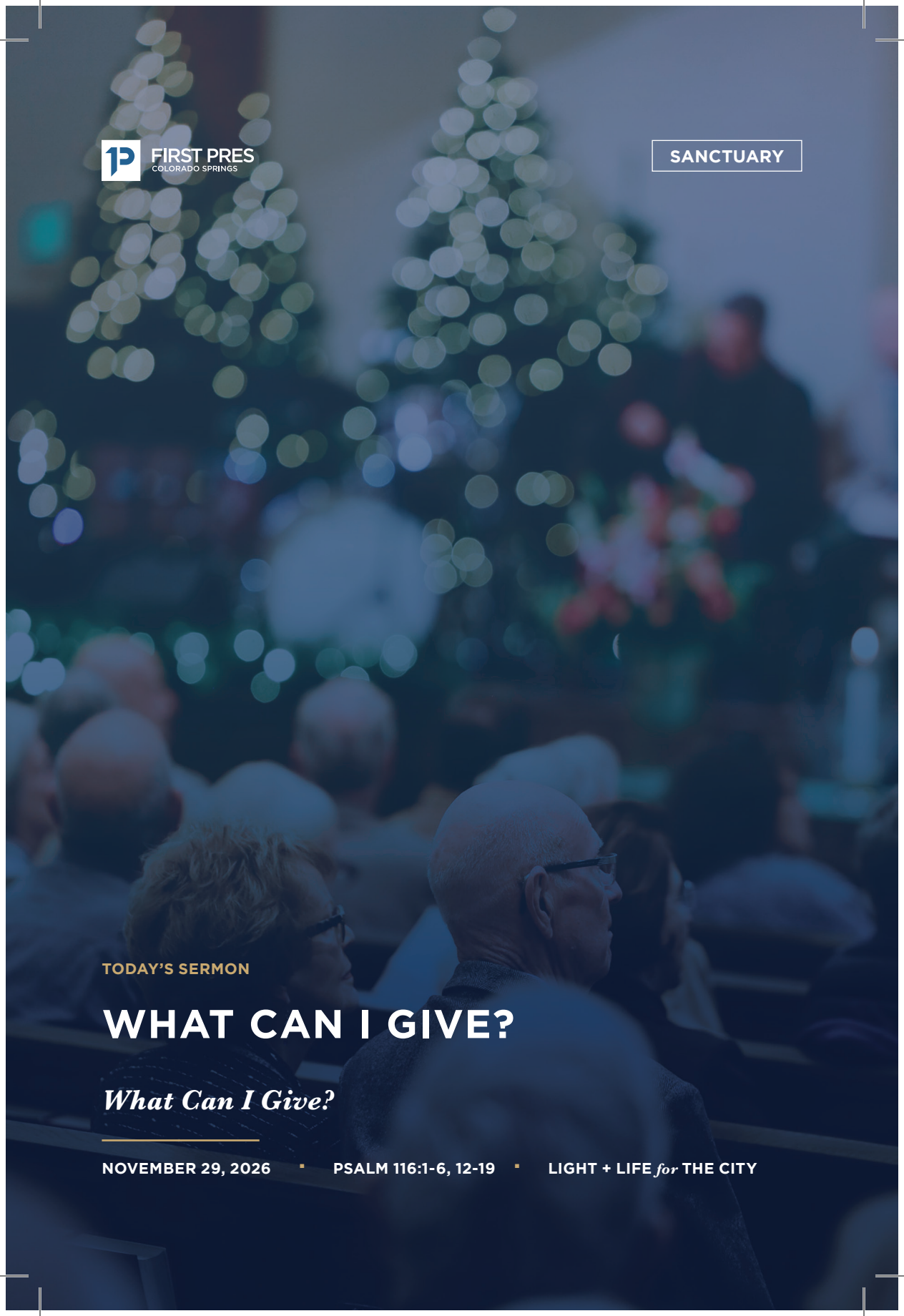


FIRST PRES
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SANCTUARY

TODAY'S SERMON

WHAT CAN I GIVE?

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NOVEMBER 29, 2026 · PSALM 116:1-6, 12-19 · LIGHT + LIFE *for* THE CITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE
O Little Town of Bethlehem &
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Arranger: Howard Cable
Steve Kindermann and Tim Baird, trumpet; Sarah Ford, horn; Mark Burditt, trombone; Tyler Perea, tuba; Dr. Adam Haas, organ; Steve Williams, conductor

INTROIT
Alleluia, from Cantata No. 142
Composer: J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **· No. 153**

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION
Rev. Matt Holtzman (8:30)

SONG OF ADORATION
Away in a Manger
Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion; Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Rachel West, vocalist

CANDLE LIGHTING - HOPE

CALL TO CONFESSION
Gracious and merciful God, You heard our cries and sent Your Son to be our Savior. We confess that we often give our hearts to lesser things rather than honoring Christ above all else. Forgive our ungrateful hearts. As we remember the coming of the Christ Child during this season of Advent, teach us to trust in Your salvation, offer our lives in thanksgiving, and treasure Him above all else. In Jesus' name, Amen.

RESPONSE
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **· No. 154**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
Rev. Dr. Pat Hartsock (8:30)
Chaplain Linda Boyles (10:15)
The Promise
Composer: Russell Nagy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Mary
Composer: Rachel West
Judith Meyer, soprano

SERMON
WHAT CAN I GIVE?
Psalm 116:1-6, 12-19 (pg. 896)
Rev. Matt Holtzman

CLOSING SONG
In the Bleak Midwinter
Arranger: Catherine Bennett

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Arranger: Arthur Frackenpohl

Belong
AT FIRST PRES

We would love to meet you. Whether you are looking for community, a place to serve, or answers to questions about faith, someone is waiting to walk with you. Stop by the BELONG HUB in the Plaza after the service.

THE WORD FOR TODAY

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?"
PSALM 116:12

TODAY: FIRST DAY OF ADVENT

Today marks the beginning of Advent, a season of hope and anticipation as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. May this season invite us to slow down and remember the light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

NEXT WEEK

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell continues our Advent series with *Born in Bethlehem*, teaching from Luke 2:1-7. Read the passage ahead of Sunday and come ready to worship and learn together!

CARE

NO ONE HURTS ALONE

FLOWER FUND, IN MEMORY OF:

Ruth Blocki Kraemer-Young & L.B. and Olga C. Delabar
By Sandy & Dorothy Kraemer

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Frawley
March 14, 2023

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Jan Lemon
St. Francis Medical Center

Gladys Perry
St. Francis Medical Center

NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Visit firstprescos.org/memorials to view upcomming memorials.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you need medical equipment at home following your hospital stay, we have many items that you're welcome to borrow. We ask that items be requested at least a day or two before pick-up or drop-off, Monday to Friday only. Call Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145.

NEED PRAYER?

Find a Prayer Team member wearing a red lanyard, or email your request to prayer@firstprescos.org

STAY IN THE LOOP

Join the weekly email at firstprescos.org/subscribe · Follow @firstprescos

GIVE

Text "Give" to 719-297-2232 and follow the link, or give online at firstprescos.org/give

COMING UP AT FIRST PRES

FIND EVERY EVENT ONLINE
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ONGOING

Something Significant

Give a gift that makes a difference! Something Significant offers meaningful ways to support our local and global Mission Engagement partners while sharing the hope of Christ this Christmas. Visit us in The Commons after the service!

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ONGOING

Stewardship Reminder

It's not too late to submit your 2027 commitment! Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be part of His work through First Pres. Together, our generosity brings the light and life of Christ to our city and beyond.

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DEC 12 | 9:30 AM

Men's Christmas Brunch

Join us for our annual Men's Christmas Brunch! Enjoy great food, Christmas carols from our Brass Ensemble, and an inspiring message from guest speaker and Sports Chaplain, Dave Swingley.

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DEC 13 | 1:30 + 4:30 PM

Christmas Joy

Celebrate Christmas with First Pres at the Pikes Peak Center! Join us for Christmas Joy, a festive celebration filled with beautiful music and the joy of the season. Bring your family and friends!

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Invite Someone to Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is even more meaningful when shared! Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to celebrate the birth of Christ with us at First Pres. There's always room for one more!

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New Digital Directory

The First Pres member directory helps our church family connect through shared names, photos, and contact information. Visit the member directory to connect with your First Pres church family.

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