



What Do You

# NAME HIM

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CHRISTMAS EVE  
AT FIRST PRES

Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
1, 3, 5, & 7:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service



FIRST PRES  
COLORADO SPRINGS

# WELCOME

There is no one like Jesus. No figure in history matches Jesus. Still today millions will gather around the globe, just as we are, to call Jesus the Savior! What do you call Jesus?

Some see Jesus as a good teacher who lived long ago, a wise guide for life. Some see Jesus as a prophet or preacher who led a religious community on their own spiritual journey. Some would say Jesus is mostly a myth and wonder if there ever was such a man as appears on the pages of the Bible. But I wonder, would all those people gather around the world tonight to celebrate one more helpful teacher, one more person sharing ideas on how to live the good life by being nice and keeping warm feelings? I can't believe that. Jesus is much, much more.

Tonight we name Jesus. Jesus is the God who saves. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Savior. Jesus is the Light of Life. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, tonight is a night to see Jesus for who He is. Welcome here and Merry Christmas! Yours in Christ,

Tim McConnell  
LEAD PASTOR



“But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

**MATTHEW 1:25**

## **PRELUDE**

*"Harp Sounds of The Season"* — Hannah Hagen, Harp  
*"Sussex Carol"* — arr. Duane Funderburk

## **INTROIT**

*"Joy to the World"* — arr. Mack Wilberg

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Matt Holtzman (1 + 7:30), Rev. Dave Steane (3 + 5)

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Carols of the Season"*

## **WELCOME + PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

## **SONG OF ADORATION**

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Rev. Michael Thornton (1 + 5) Rev. Dr. John Goodale (3 + 7:30)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*"The First Noel"*

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*"Christmas Joy!"* — arr. Chris Owenby

## **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER + THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Ashley Anderson (1:00), Rev. Ellen Dawson (3, 5 + 7:30)

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"Sleeping Adonai"* — Heather Sorenson  
Vonda Barhart (1 + 3), Vera Skar (5 + 7:30), Soloist

## **SERMON**

"Naming Jesus" Matthew 1:18-25, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

## **CANDLELIGHT HYMN**

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

## **PRAYER + BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*"Joy to the World"*

# Welcome to First Pres!

We're so glad you're here to celebrate Christmas Eve with us. At First Pres, we exist to see lives transformed by the power of Christ. Our mission is to proclaim the Light of the gospel and reflect the Life of Jesus, bringing hope to our City and glory to God.



Join us Sundays for worship!

**Sanctuary: 8:30 and 10 a.m.**  
**Worship Center: 9 and 11 a.m.**

Our new sermon series  
begins January 12



## We Have a Place for Everyone in the Family!

At First Pres, there's a place for everyone in your family, no matter where you are on your faith journey.

**For Kids:** Where kids grow in wisdom, faith, and community! Parenting isn't easy, and we're here to partner with you by providing a safe, fun environment where your child can grow in Christ.

**For Youth:** We equip students to grow in faith, build friendships, and live as disciples of Christ, bringing light and life to the city in their daily lives.



## Discover FIRST PRES



The second Sunday  
of each month



10 a.m.

Learn more at  
[firstprescos.org/discoverfirstpres](https://firstprescos.org/discoverfirstpres)

## Wednesday Nights Begin January 8

Join us for Growing Together Wednesdays. We offer programs and classes for all ages.

Fellowship time beforehand from 5-6 p.m.

Let's grow in faith together!  
[firstprescos.org/gtw](https://firstprescos.org/gtw)