



FIRST PRES  
COLORADO SPRINGS



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.  
DECEMBER 7, 2025

Good morning, First Pres! It is so good to be together today.

Whether you've been here for years or you're joining us for the first time, this is a place where you are welcome—you've found a place where we see lives transformed in the power of Christ, shaping believers into Christian disciples who proclaim the light of the gospel and demonstrate the life of Jesus in our city and beyond.

**NEW HERE?** If today is your first time with us, we want to meet you! Please fill out a New Here card, which you can find in the seat pocket in front of you. Whether you're looking for community, a place to serve, or just have questions about what it means to follow Jesus, we're here to walk that journey with you. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

LIGHT + LIFE *for the* CITY

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## PRELUDE

### **Resilience**

*Composer: Rachel West*

### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Veronika Afanassieva and Yurie Mitsuhashi,  
violin; Matthew Diekman, viola; Gerald Miller,  
cello; Adam Haas, piano

*Arranger: Paul Thompson*

## INTROIT

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Chris Owenby, director

*Arranger: Dan Forest*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dave Steane

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

No. 182

## DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

## SONG OF ADORATION

### **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

No. 59

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;  
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### **Introduction of the Whiteman Family**

Rev. Greg Hartnett

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### **Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?**

*Composer: Robert Lau*

## SERMON

### **Everlasting**

Isaiah 60:1-3,18-22

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

No. 248

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion elements are gluten-free and may be  
taken as received or when indicated by the minister

## PRAYER OF RESPONSE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

### **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

No. 191

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

*Arranger: Paul Thompson*

**“The sun will no more be your light  
by day, nor will the brightness of  
the moon shine on you, for the Lord  
will be your everlasting light, and  
your God will be your glory.”**

Isaiah 60:19

## READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell  
will preach a message titled  
*Exposure*, from John 3:16-21

## NEED PRAYER?

- Find a pastor or Prayer Team member with a large red lanyard
- Fill out a Prayer Request card located in a pew pocket or in the Narthex.
- Email [prayer@firstprescos.org](mailto:prayer@firstprescos.org)

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## IN MEMORIAM:

**Candace Young**

November 16, 2025

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

**Jim Kelley**

Memorial Central

## FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Kay & Howard Krall, Bill Haigler & Fran Ainsworth**

by David and Christy Krall

**Our parents & daughter-in-law**

by Kathy Miranda & Family

**Bob & Irene Burch & Jack & Norma Kleiver**

by Dave & Kim Burch & family

**Jill Moran**

by Corat Moran

**John R. Swann, Eunice & Chic Ehlert**

by Cheri Swann & families

**Lee Bauman**

by Mary Bauman & family

## HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP

It's not too late! Join us tomorrow evening for our Holiday Blues workshop, a supportive space for anyone who finds the season difficult. Come Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for a presentation by Chaplain Linda Boyles. Register online or call 719-884-6145.

**FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOLIDAYBLUES**

# The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.  
[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://firstprescos.org/calendar)

## INVITE SOMEONE TO A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!

Christmas Eve is one of the most meaningful moments of the year, and it's a wonderful opportunity to invite someone into the hope of Jesus. Think of a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member who might need a place to belong this season, and bring them with you. A simple invitation can open the door to joy, connection, and the good news of Emmanuel, God With Us.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CHRISTMASEVE](https://firstprescos.org/christmaseve)



## CROWN THE YEAR

Keep an eye on your mailbox—our Crown the Year letter is on its way. This year-end tradition helps us reflect on how God has carried us through 2025 and invites us to step into 2026 with gratitude and generosity.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GIVE-NOW](https://firstprescos.org/give-now)



## CHRISTMAS JOY

Celebrate the season with *Christmas Joy!* at the Pikes Peak Center. Enjoy choirs, orchestra, and special guests Wayne Wilkinson and Alvy Powell. Join us on Dec. 14 at 1:30 or 4:30 p.m. Visit the link below to secure your tickets!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CHRISTMASJOY](https://firstprescos.org/christmasjoy)



## MEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Save the date! Join us for the Men's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 13, featuring food, carols with the Brass Ensemble, and a message by Craig Glass. Tickets are \$20, available online and at First Pres throughout the week!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEN](https://firstprescos.org/men)



## CHRISTMAS EVE COOKIE DRIVE

Help us bless our Christmas Eve guests with homemade treats! We're collecting bite-size cookies, fudge, and other goodies December 7-21. Please drop them at the front desk in a labeled bag and note if they're gluten-free or contain nuts. Questions? Contact Emmy at [edavis@firstprescos.org](mailto:edavis@firstprescos.org).

