



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 & 10 A.M. // DECEMBER 18, 2022



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE GREAT RESCUE // PASTOR TIM McCONNELL
WEEK FOUR // "THE COMING"

"And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 40:5

Find sermons from this series at firstprescos.org/watch

PRELUDE *Sinfonia from "Messiah" - G.F Handel*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT *Gloria - Mark Hayes*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION *Angels We Have Heard on High*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Hagen Family (8:30 a.m.) – Luke, Danielle, Hannah and Henry
Frohman Family (10 a.m.) – James, Lauren, Lilly, Ayden, Aspen,
Brecklynn and Acacia

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in Your presence as Your children. The virgin Mary accepted Your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to Your will. Your Son, our Savior, was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of Your ways. The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek You. May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to Himself and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *There Shall a Star From Jacob* - Felix Mendelssohn

SERMON

"The Coming" Isaiah 40:1-11; Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* - arr. Robert Hobby

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*



NEW HERE? We know that going to a new church for the first time is exciting. We want to help make your first experience at First Pres a great one! We can't wait to meet you. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

The
Happenings

December 18, 2022



Find all upcoming events online.

**FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/
CALENDAR**

CROWN THE YEAR: As we approach the end of 2022, we are invited to offer our gifts as an act of worship and devotion, in gratitude for all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. First Pres' 2022 budget was approved at \$7 million, and to date, we have received \$6.3 million, leaving us \$700,000 shy of our anticipated income. We want to invest in transforming lives and be Light and Life for the City. Can you help us with a year-end gift? Envelopes are at the Welcome Center or go to **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GIVENOW**

COMMITMENT CARDS will still be accepted. Please drop in the offering plate or pledge at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/COMMITMENT**

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS also allows you to bless our ministry partners. Purchase at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SOMETHINGSIGNIFICANT**

ALPHA: Invite a friend this winter for a meal and conversations about the basics of the Christian faith! Learn more and register at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TRYALPHA**

MANY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! Are you ready to serve the Lord and help others feel welcome as they attend one of our six Christmas Eve worship services? Sign up at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SERVEONCHRISTMAS**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Celebrate Jesus' birth at our 10:30 a.m. Family Service; Candlelight Services at 1, 3, 5 and 7:30 p.m.; and our 11 p.m. Communion Service. Learn more at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/ADVENT**

SERVICE TIMES ON CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEAR'S: On *December 25*, we'll have one Sanctuary service at 12 p.m. On *January 1*, we'll have combined Sanctuary services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery available both days.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS: On December 25 and January 1, we will not have Sunday School for kids, students or adults. Please attend worship as a family!

FIRST PRES HISTORY BOOKS are available in the Plaza. Purchase your book today!

NEED PRAYER?

If you'd like prayer, please find a Pastor or Prayer Team member wearing large red nametags after service.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Albert William Rich

12/12/2022

For information on planning a memorial service, or to see upcoming memorials, go to

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CARE

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

My brother, Charles Alan Haley

by Margaret Haley Oliver

**Paul & Evelyn Perkins, &
Carl & Blanche Swan**

by Joan Perkins

My parents

by Kathy Nelson

Doris Bouton

by Annie & Rob Foster

Bob Duke

by Jan Duke & family

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

by Dave & Kim Burch & family

Clyde Keith

by Lloyal, Aimee, John & Alan

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2022

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| 2022 Budgeted Contribution Income..... | \$7,000,000 |
| Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 11..... | \$6,293,961 |
| Remaining Balance to Reach 2022 Budget..... | \$706,039 |

Thank you for your gifts and prayers! We are grateful to be partners in ministry with each of you!