



THE GREAT
RESCUE

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M. // DECEMBER 11, 2022



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE GREAT RESCUE // PASTOR TIM McCONNELL
WEEK THREE // “THE PROMISE”

**“On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet
of aged wine—the best meats and the finest of wines.”**

Isaiah 25:6

Find sermons from this series at firstprescos.org/watch

PRELUDE *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* - Leroy Anderson
Hallelujah Amen - Handel; arr. David Marlatt

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT *Comfort, You My People* - Ralph Manuel

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Beveridge Family - Mia, David, Jonathan, Samuel, Ethan & Luke

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we love You and praise You for sending Christ Jesus into the world to save us from our sins. Because Your only Son took on human flesh in order to live and die in our place, we yearn to hate and forsake our many sins which displease You. Give us grace to please You in thought, word and deed. Please forgive us for our sins of selfishness, greed, pride, materialism, discontentment, impurity and lust. Dispel the darkness of our hearts, and make us holy to serve You and reflect Your glory in this world. You, O God, are light and in You there is no darkness at all. Forgive us for practicing and tolerating the deeds of darkness. Dwell in our hearts by Your Spirit that we might live according to the light of Your Word and shine forth the light of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Through His name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *The Promise* - Russel Nagy

SERMON

"The Promise" Isaiah 25:1-9 Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Joy Has Dawned*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Mary, Did You Know?* - Greene/Lowry; arr. Dan Galbraith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christmas Postlude: Let the Praise be Loud and High*
Best; arr. Brad Howland



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 11, 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 \$6.1 million, leaving us \$900,000 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**

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS offers two seatings. Pastor Junior McGarrahan is the speaker. Get tickets through Monday at the Welcome Center or **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/ADVENT**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Are you ready to serve the Lord and help others feel welcome as they attend one of our six worship services on Christmas Eve? We have hundreds of volunteer spots available. Sign up at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SERVEONCHRISTMAS**

CHRISTMAS EVE: We'll celebrate Jesus' birth with six worship services: a 10:30 a.m. Family Service, then Candlelight Services at 1, 3, 5 and 7:30 p.m., and a Communion Service at 11 p.m. **On Christmas Day**, we'll worship in the Sanctuary at 12 p.m. Learn more at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/ADVENT**

MEN'S CHRISTMAS brunch speaker will be Reclaim Ministries founder Todd Ickes. Get tickets through Monday at the Welcome Center or **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/ADVENT**

FIRST PRES HISTORY BOOKS are available today in the Plaza to purchase or if you pre-ordered. *Light & Life: First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs at 150 Years* is full of historic photos and local history.

NEED PRAYER?

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

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Mr. Richard Robertson

Penrose Main

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. T. W. Jones

12/3/2022

Mrs. Betty Robinson

3/31/2013

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mr. T. W. Jones

Monday, 12/12 at 2 p.m.

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

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CARE

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Our parents, Don & Priscilla Parker &
Irene Bainton, & daughter-in-law
Michelle Miranda**

by Kathy Miranda & family

Jill Moran

by H. Corat Moran

Our mother, Eunice Ehlert

by John & Cheri Swann & families

Mary Ann Cary

by Nancy & Al Wermer & John Cary Jr.

Oleta Edwards, in honor of her birthday

by Bill & Virginia Harris & the
Mark Harris & Holly Spalding families

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2022

2022 Budgeted Contribution Income.....	\$7,000,000
Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 4.....	\$6,071,922
Remaining Balance to Reach 2022 Budget.....	\$928,078

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