

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30)

"And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."

Colossians 1:18

GATHERING MUSIC

"Your Name" Baloché/Packiam

INTROIT

"Hallelujah, He Shall Reign Forever" DeJarnette
Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Colossians 1) John Goodale

Leader: Hallelujah! All praise to Jesus, the head of the body, the church!

People: He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead.

Leader: In everything He has the supremacy!

People: Lift high His cross, the love of Christ proclaim!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 287

"Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1, 4)

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpet

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS

* SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone" (vs. 1, 2, 3) Townend/Getty

Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;

Marc Neihof, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION

* Congregation standing.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we come before You confessing our sins. You, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed** Pat Hartsock

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 on 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Danny Shaw

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" Dykes/arr. Taylor

K-4th Grade Children's Choir
Katrina Redford, Director; Robby Dale Nelson, Piano
Bethany Hanson, Associate for Children's Music

SERMON

FIRST THINGS FIRST

"God Is First" Colossians 1:13-20 Tim McConnell

BRINGING FORWARD OUR COMMITMENTS FOR 2018

SONG OF CELEBRATION

"Jesus, the One and Only"Mason

Matt Holtzman, Soloist

PRAYERS OF DEDICATION / THE LORD’S PRAYER

*** HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

*"Through This Grace of Giving,
We Now Covenant to Serve the Lord"*

Through this grace of giving, we now covenant to serve the Lord.
With tomorrow, dawns the rising of new hope these gifts afford.
May these tithes bless countless lives, as God directs the work we do –
Showing that the Gospel thrives, and Jesus Christ will see us through!

In this time of vast confusion, Jesus calls, "Come, follow me."
Christ alone gives clear direction, follow Him and we will see!
He alone, our Cornerstone, reveals the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Let the seeds this day we've sown proclaim our covenant, in Christ!

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All we do, from this day hence, is in His name and by His throne.
Hail His reign, exalt His name: to live is Christ, to die is gain!
Giving all, with hearts of praise, we join to serve Him all our days!

Words: Jim DeJarnette; Tune: Hymn to Joy

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D" Willan

Marj Killick

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PREPARE all GENERATIONS to IMPACT LIVES for CHRIST

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jennifer Holz

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

SONGS OF WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Scott Boss (9:00)

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken Your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of Your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*11:00) Kathy Dobyns

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS

BENEDICTION

* Children 3 – Kindergarten can join us for **Bible Break** during the 11:00 a.m. service. Check your potty-trained children in at a check-in station if you'd like them to head upstairs during the second half of the service. Pick up children in Room 236 promptly after the service concludes. Children are always welcome in worship.

Stephen Ministers are available to pray for you up front following the service.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP (6:30 p.m.)

COLOSSIANS 1:18

“And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

– Prayer of St. Patrick

As we close out our sermon series, what has the Lord been saying to you about putting Him first?

In what ways has the Lord been shaping you through our Sunday Night worship services?



Scripture Readings tonight:

Isaiah 40:25-31 and Colossians 1:13-20

MOVEMENTS OF WORSHIP

**WORSHIP IN SONG | ANNOUNCEMENTS | SCRIPTURE READING
SERMON | QUESTIONS & ANSWERS | PRAYER | OFFERING | SENDING**

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- We're glad you're here! Visit first-pres.org/sundaynight to sign in and let us know you're with us.
 - During the sermon, text your questions to 719-362-0566, and we'll forward some to Pastor Tim for the Q&A following the sermon.

HAPPENINGS

New to First Pres?

We're so glad you're here! Join us after each worship service at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary. Greeters are also available to answer questions near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

Curious About Jesus?

Ministers are available after each service and would love to listen and answer your questions.

For the Whole Church Family

Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 28, 4-6 p.m.

Join us for a fun, family-friendly time in our Weber Street Parking lot with bounce houses, hot chocolate and more! It's a great event for welcoming friends and neighbors to First Pres.

Candy donations are needed: Donation bins will be available October 16 to 27, on 2nd and 3rd floors and at Weber Street Center. **Volunteers with decorated trunks are also needed** – register at www.first-pres.org/trunkortreat.

Christian Life Conference, A Place to Belong, November 10 and 11. Rev. Dr. Eric Jacobsen, Senior Pastor at First Pres Tacoma, will teach on creating spaces for community and relationship. Register at www.first-pres.org/clc.

Christmas Joy Concert, Sunday, December 10. Tickets will be available to First Pres members and the general public on Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Plaza. Ticket prices: \$15, \$20, \$25.

Ready to Serve? | first-pres.org/volunteer

Volunteers are needed to prepare/serve/cleanup

the noon meal at the Marian House soup Kitchen on Tuesday mornings. Call 884-6233.

Feed My Starving Children food packing event

– October 27 and 28. Helpers are still needed to assist with registration and packing. Call 884-6233.

Adults | 884-6117

GTW Menu: October 25 – Mollica's Italian Market.

\$8 adults; \$4 children 12 and under.

www.first-pres.org/gtw.

Missions | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions

A team is forming to go to Cuba, February 21- 28, 2018, to encourage and work alongside our partner church in Havana. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205..

Men | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/men

Jose Muldoon's Monthly Lunch – Tuesday, October 31, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 222 N. Tejon St.

Save the Date! Men's Winter Retreat, February 16-18, 2018, at Sky Ranch Horn Creek, Westcliffe, CO. Jim Singleton, speaker. Cost: \$155. Registration starts soon.

Women | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/women

Save the Date! Women's Christmas Celebration, Thursday, December 7, 6 p.m. or Friday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20. Tickets go on sale Sunday, November 5, in the Plaza. If you would like to provide a scholarship for a woman attending, please contact Ina at imeyer@first-pres.org.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students
High School meets Sunday morning and Sunday night. Middle School meets Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

MORPH, November 3-5. This in-house fall retreat for 9th-12th graders is filled with fun memorable events, breakout sessions and a hands-on experience to stretch students and take them deeper in their faith. Cost: \$60. Register at www.first-pres.org/students.

Children | 884-6126 | first-pres.org/children
On Sundays, preschoolers meet on the 2nd floor at 10 a.m.; K-4th graders meet on the 3rd floor at 10 a.m. Children's programming is also offered on Wednesday nights. See first-pres.org/gtw.

Nursery | 884-6139 | first-pres.org/nursery
Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/care
Alcoholics Anonymous meets over the noon hour every Tuesday & Friday in Room 030. AA is a fellowship of men and woman who share their experience, strength, and hope with one another.

Flu Shot Clinic: Sunday, November 5, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Staff Canteen, lower level of Hansen Hall. Cost when not covered by insurance, and age policy: \$32 Quadrivalent Flu Shot, ages 4 years or older. Seniors (65 +) – Please bring your insurance cards.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs
Get-Set Van Driver, part-time; **First Pres Preschool Substitute Teacher**, part-time.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Greccio Housing provides affordable housing to stabilize families, avert homelessness and break cycles of poverty. Pray especially for mentors to assist residents with life skills and other areas that will help them achieve independence.

Local Church: Woodmen Valley Chapel/Woodmen Hgts.

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Hospital
Ms. Sandy Winje
Mr. John Bass

Center at Cordera
Mr. William Winter

Center at Centennial
Mr. Bill Hodson

Health Care Resort
Mrs. Dora Ann Thomas

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund

In Memory of:

Dallas Dickinson, on his birthday,
by his wife Joanne Dickinson

Terry Dionisio by the Skyway Study Girls

Marcia Genrich by John, Karen, Toby,
Allison, Peter and Jay Genrich

Sally and Steve Yates by John, David,
Lisa and family

My Husband, James M. Wood, Jr.
by Elsie Wood and Family

Vincent F. & Ruth M. Roach,
and Richard T. & Edith H. Kirkpatrick
by Warren & Jane Roach and family

Odetta Jean by James McCoy Family

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charles H. Ormsby – 10/11/17

Information on those who have gone
to be with the Lord may be found at
www.first-pres.org/memorials.