

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*December 3 – 8:30*)

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Isaiah 64:4

## ORGAN PRAISE

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”* . . . . . Wood  
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Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

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Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Doug Moden, Trumpet

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*“Send Us Forth the Christ Event to Tell”*

In joy and hope our days are spent the coming to proclaim;  
That all may share the glorious love and wonders of Christ’s name.  
Arise, sing out! Our Lord has come; the hallelujah sounds,  
Emmanuel means God with us, and love that knows no bounds.

God grant us grace to share Your light that shines for all to see;  
Salvation is Your wondrous gift of love both pure and free.  
Now send us forth to do Your work, the Christ event to tell;  
Our Lord has come, Messiah reigns! All praise Emmanuel!

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey; Tune: Ellacombe

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Paraphrase of the Hymn of Response”* . . . . . Maxwell

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** John Goodale

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 232**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

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## **GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jennifer Holz

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP** Chris Cullins and Greg Hartnett

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND PRAYER** Tom Pipkin

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**BENEDICTION**

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Our **Prayer Team** is available to pray for you up front following the service.

# 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.

## **Offering Envelopes**

For those who have preordered 2018 Offering envelopes, they are available for pick up at the table outside the Library located in Hansen Hall, through the end of December. You can still order a box by filling out the order form at the envelope table.

## **Crown the Year Offering**

This annual special offering during Advent is a thank-offering to the Lord that is over and above our regular commitments. Prayerfully consider how you might participate in this giving opportunity. Specify "Crown the Year" when you give.

## **For the Whole Church Family**

**Artist Reception:** In response to this year's Advent sermon series, artists are offering an exhibit in the Narthex titled, "Brighter." Please join us between services today for refreshments and a meet and greet with the artists.

**Christmas Joy Concert:** Sunday, December 10, at 2 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25 and are on sale through the Pikes Peak Center box office. Plan to attend this spectacular Christmas event—it's a wonderful opportunity to invite friends

and neighbors! [first-pres.org/christmasjoy](http://first-pres.org/christmasjoy)

**Carols and Cocoa:** Friday, December 15, 6 p.m. Bless neighborhoods around the city by gathering for a light dinner and then heading out to sing Christmas carols. [first-pres.org/carols](http://first-pres.org/carols)

**Ready to Serve? | [first-pres.org/volunteer](http://first-pres.org/volunteer)**  
Volunteer to be a welcoming presence on Christmas Eve. Sign up on volunteer boards outside of worship services or online at [first-pres.org/servechristmaseve](http://first-pres.org/servechristmaseve). Questions? Contact Mary Frieg at 884-6189 or [mfrieg@first-pres.org](mailto:mfrieg@first-pres.org).

**Do you sew?** Can you spare two hours a month to help African refugee women work on sewing projects? Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, women refugees and First Pres volunteers gather together on the fourth floor to sew, build relationships, and fellowship as the people of God. The next gathering will be Tuesday, December 12, from 3 to 5 p.m.

**Missions | 884-6233 | [first-pres.org/missions](http://first-pres.org/missions)**  
2017 Something Significant for Christmas Catalogs are now available. Each of the 26 gifts are directly associated with a First Pres City or Global partner. Catalogs are available at the reception desks, or go to [www.first-pres.org/significant](http://www.first-pres.org/significant).

**Men | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/men](http://first-pres.org/men)**  
Men's Christmas Brunch: Saturday, December 16, 9:30 a.m., in the Worship Center. Newt Crenshaw, President of Young Life, will be the speaker. Cost: \$10. Purchase tickets at [www.first-pres.org/men](http://www.first-pres.org/men).

**Men's Winter Retreat:** February 16-18, 2018, at Sky Ranch Horn Creek, Westcliffe, CO. Jim



Singleton will be the speaker. Cost: \$155.  
Register at [www.first-pres.org/mensretreat](http://www.first-pres.org/mensretreat).

**Women | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/women](http://first-pres.org/women)**

**Women's Christmas Celebration:** Tickets are still available for the Thursday, December 7, dinner seating at 6 p.m. Pam Moore, speaker. Cost: \$20. Purchase tickets at the reception desk.

**Students | 884-6220 | [first-pres.org/students](http://first-pres.org/students)**

High School meets Sunday morning and night. 5th-8th graders meet Sunday morning.

**Camp for Christmas:** 5th –12th graders, sign up for 2018 Winter and Summer camps before Christmas and receive a great discount.  
[first-pres.org/students](http://first-pres.org/students)

**Children | 884-6126 | [first-pres.org/children](http://first-pres.org/children)**

On Sundays, preschoolers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 10 a.m.; K-4<sup>th</sup> graders meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 10 a.m.

## Financial Summary for 2017

2017 Budgeted Contribution Income . . . . . \$ 6,283,898  
Actual Contribution Income through 11/27 . . . \$ 5,361,977  
Remaining Balance to Reach 2017 Budget . . . \$ 921,921

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

**Nursery | 884-6139 | [first-pres.org/nursery](http://first-pres.org/nursery)**

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

**Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | [first-pres.org/care](http://first-pres.org/care)**

Support groups offering mutual caring and support:

**Diabetes Support Group**, 2nd Saturday every month, 10 to 11 a.m., Spruce Room, Weber Street Center.

**Parkinson's Support Group**, 2nd Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. in the Aspen Room, Weber Street Center.

**Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | [first-pres.org/jobs](http://first-pres.org/jobs)**

Get-Set Van Driver, part-time; Assistant Editor, full-time.

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

**Mission Emphasis:** Pray for the many homeless teens in Colorado Springs who experience deep loneliness at this "celebratory" time of year. Pray that Urban Peak will have adequate facilities and for the Christians working with this agency that they will have boldness and love.

**Local Church:** First Christian Church

**Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:**

*Penrose Hospital*  
Mr. Ed Kirby  
Mrs. Barbara Fatjo

*Center at Cordera*  
Mrs. Mamie Duffendack

*Health Care Resort*  
Mrs. Dora Ann Thomas

## Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund *In Memory of:*

John Cary by Mary Ann and Family  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hoyt Baird,  
and Mr. & Mrs. William H. Gunderson  
by the Carroll Baird Family

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Helen Berwick – 11/29/2017  
Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at  
[www.first-pres.org/memorials](http://www.first-pres.org/memorials).