

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*December 10 – 8:30*)

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everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."*

Isaiah 60:19

ORGAN PRAISE

*"Fairest Lord Jesus" Lovelace
Frank Shelton*

INTROIT

*"O, Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" Handel
Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette*

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Isaiah 60*) Jennifer Holz

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord rises upon you.

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People: We come to worship Christ, our King!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 189

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpet

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

* Congregation standing.

**Ushers will seat worshipers who are delayed here and during hymns. Ministers leaving the service have other teaching responsibilities.

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"/ "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" arr. Holtzman

Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader; Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;
Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION Tom Pipkin

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before You confessing our sins, and asking that You give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** RESPONSE, No. 236**

"As With Gladness" (vs. 4)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Danny Shaw

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write your name and address in the friendship folder.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"All Is Well"arr. Raney

Vivace Ringers

Jan Weiser, Director; Susan Hedgpeth, Piano

SERMON

BRIGHTER

"No Brighter Hope" Isaiah 60:1, 18-20 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Promise"Nagy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 231**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Paraphrase of the Hymn of Response"..... te Velde

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*** HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 153**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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"No Brighter Hope" Isaiah 60:1, 18-20 Tim McConnell

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PREPARE all GENERATIONS to IMPACT LIVES for CHRIST

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Katie Fowler

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONGS OF WORSHIP Chris Cullins, Zoe Anderson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Scott Boss (9:00)

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love, and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior. Forgive us our sins by Your mercy, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*11:00) Kathy Dobyms

SERMON

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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.

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

HAPPENINGS

Christmas Eve

On Sunday, December 24, we will offer nine Christmas Eve services in place of our regular Sunday worship schedule. Sanctuary: 10 a.m. Children's service, 12, 2, 4, 5:30, 7 and 10:45 p.m.; Worship Center: 2 and 4 p.m. with live band, video preaching from the Sanctuary.

Three hundred volunteer positions welcome more than 6,000 worshippers on this day. Sign up to serve—outside worship today or online. All Christmas Eve details are available at www.first-pres.org/christmaseve.

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.

Doorways Membership Classes: Wednesday evenings during GTW, January 10 – February 7, and Sunday mornings, February 11 – March 4. Register at www.first-pres.org/membership.

Offering Envelopes

Preordered 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the table outside the Library in Hansen Hall. You can still order a box by filling out the order form at the 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

Christmas Joy Concert: Today at 2 and 4:30 p.m. A handful of tickets are left for this annual Christmas concert at the Pikes Peak Center. Visit first-pres.org/christmasjoy for ticket availability.

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

If you are interested in participating in the art ministry, please join pastors and artists Tuesday, December 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 204 to discuss the next exhibit.

Missions | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions
2017 Something Significant for Christmas Catalogs are now available. If you have not already sent in your order, we will be in the Plaza and Narthex today and on December 17 filling orders, or go to first-pres.org/significant.

Do you sew? Can you spare two hours a month to help African refugee women work on sewing projects? The next gathering will be Tuesday, December 12, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Men | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/men
Men's Christmas Brunch: Saturday, December 16,

9:30 a.m., in the Worship Center. Cost: \$10. Purchase tickets at 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.

Students | 884-6220 | 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

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.

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

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Dr. Carlos and Becki Pinto play pivotal roles with Reach Beyond in Ecuador where they train Latin American missionaries for global outreach. Recently these missionaries went to France, Peru, Cambodia and other parts of the world. Pray for physical energy and spiritual enrichment as they work.

Local Church: First Church of the Nazarene

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Hospital
Mrs. Barbara Fatjo
Mrs. Mary Ayres
Mrs. Betty Rentschler

St. Francis Hospital
Mrs. Gladeen Ragland
Center at Centennial
Mr. Ed Kirby

Financial Summary for 2017

2017 Budgeted Contribution Income \$ 6,283,898
Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 4 . . . \$ 5,529,990
Remaining Balance to Reach 2017 Budget . . . \$ 753,908

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

Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/care

Are you hurting? The Stephen Ministry can connect you in a one-to-one caring relationship with a trained person who can help you through a time of change, confusion, stress or loss. Contact Caring Ministries at 884-6145.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs

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

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund *In Memory of:*

For our parents, Kay and Howard Krall,
Bill Heigler and Fran Ainsworth
by David and Christy Krall

Susan's mother, Elizabeth Pope,
by Gar and Susan Puryear
Jill Moran by H. Corat Moran

Our precious mother, Eunice Ehlert,
by John and Cheri Swann and families

Edgar W. Jenkins by Sue Hayward & Family

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Larry (Susan) Robinson – 11/30/17
Mr. Peter Gadkowski – 12/4/17
Col. Marion Rodge Rodgers - 12/5/17

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