

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30)

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GATHERING MUSIC

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ORGAN PRAISE

*"Introduction to the Hymn of Praise" Powell
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* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 185

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Chris Lawson, Jim Crosbie, Doug Moden, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS

* SONG OF PRAISE, No. 184

"What Child Is This?" (vs. 1, 3)

Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader; Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;
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* Congregation standing.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE

*"Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed** Matt Holtzman

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

Kathy Dobyms

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"Gesù Bambino" Pietro Yon
Lynelle Steffan, Soloist

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Paraphrase of the Hymn of Response" Michel

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*** HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 248**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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BRIGHTER

"Light of the World" John 8:12-19 John Goodale

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Pipkin

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP Greg Hartnett

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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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

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

**Tonight at 7 p.m.
in the Worship Center**

Katie Fowler preaching

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

Last day to pick up your preordered offering envelopes at the table located outside the Library.

Crown the Year Offering

We invite you to participate in this special offering to give an additional gift to the work of the Lord at year end. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets in the Sanctuary, Usher's table in Fellowship Hall and Reception desks.

Year-End Giving

All contributions received or postmarked by today will be recorded on the 2017 giving statements.

Life Groups - Ready to take a step in the New Year and find your smaller circle of people at First Pres? Looking for a community where you can grow together in Christ? A new wave of Life Groups will begin during Lent (mid-February through March). Sign up at www.first-pres.org/lifegroups.

Missions | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions
Sunday, January 7 is **ESM donation Sunday**. For January, canned meat, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, canned vegetables, baby diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), shampoo, and baby formula are in high demand. Carts will be placed in the Weber Street parking lot and the Plaza.

Adults | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/smallcommunities
Adult small communities will not meet today.

Men | 884-6119 | 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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study starts Tuesday, January 9, 6:15 to 7:30 a.m. Register at www.first-pres.org/men.

Women | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/women
WOW Bible Study starts Tuesday, January 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will be studying Kirkie Morrissey's book, "Where Are You, God?"

Questions of the Heart.” Cost is \$30. Register at www.first-pres.org/women.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students

High School meets Sunday morning and night.

5th-8th graders meet Sunday morning.

Classes will not meet today.

Winter Camp registration is open for 5th-12th graders. Camp will be held February 16-18 at Ponderosa Camp in Larkspur, CO. Cost is \$199. Register at 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. **Classes will not meet today.**

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

Blood Drive: In cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Hospital, First Pres will be sponsoring a Blood Drive Wednesday, January 10, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The

“Blood Mobile” will be parked in the Weber Street parking lot. Our participation is a strong testimony to our community of the love within the body of Christ when we cheerfully and significantly reach out to others in this way. Please call the Caring Ministries office to schedule your time to donate, 884-6145.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs
Get-Set Van Driver, part-time; **Assistant Editor**, full-time.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: On a recent trip to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Colombia, **Al and Linda Bridges** (BEE World) participated in training men and women in “How to Facilitate and Train Others.” Pray that these principles will multiply the personal and church ministries of national leaders.

Local Church: First United Methodist Church

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund

*In Celebration of Life
for Jack Traxler
on today – his 99th Birthday!
by the Traxler Family*

In Memory of:

My husband, James M. Wood, Jr.
and my mother, Elsie Kennedy,
by Elsie Wood and family

IN MEMORIAM

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