

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30)

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John 12:36

GATHERING MUSIC

“Here I Am to Worship” Hughes

ORGAN PRAISE

“Introduction to the Hymn of Praise” White
Frank Shelton

INTROIT

“Christ Is the Bread of Life” DeJarnette
Sanctuary Choir/Jim DeJarnette

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on John 3 and 6) Tim McConnell

Leader: Christ is the Bread of Life!

People: We worship the Living Bread!

Leader: God so loves us, He gave us His Son.

People: To God be the glory, great things He has done!

* **HYMN OF PRAISE No. 66, vs. 1, 3**

“To God Be the Glory”

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Doug Moden, Trumpets

* **DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS**

* **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

****WELCOME AND GREETINGS**

* Congregation standing.

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*** SONG OF PRAISE**

“Fairest Lord Jesus / King of all Glory”

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

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“Creation Hymn” Courtney

SERMON

BRIGHTER

“Believe in the Light” John 12:32-36 **Tom Pipkin**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed** John Goodale

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Shine on your Children"

Shine on Your children, unite our hearts as one.
We are proclaiming Your death until You come!
Redemptive Light, keep shining bright,
To make salvation known!

Refrain: Bright Morning Star, shine near and far,
o guide ev'ry yearning heart toward home.

Shine down from Heaven, You are the only Way!
Shatter the darkness with beaming Light of day.
We now await and celebrate,
The new life You have sown. *Refrain*

Words: James DeJarnette, Tune: Symphony

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fantasie" J.S. Bach

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PREPARE all GENERATIONS to IMPACT LIVES for CHRIST

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 93

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jennifer Holz

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER Greg Hartnett

SONGS OF WORSHIP Chris Cullins

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BENEDICTION

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

HAPPENINGS

Curious About Jesus?

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

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.

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.

For the Whole Church Family

Growing Together Wednesdays begins January 10. GTW is a time for fellowship and discipleship. It includes a meal (Chick-fil-A) and class offerings for all ages. Register today at first-pres.org/gtw.

Retirement Reception for Trish Bibler, January 14, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Sheldon Jackson Room. Ever wonder who faithfully creates the worship bulletins you read every Sunday, among many other jobs vital to our church? Trish Bibler has served with love, and she is retiring after a 47-year career at First Pres. Come celebrate Trish with us.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. We'll celebrate what God has done among us in 2017 and move forward with joy into 2018. Nursery is available (infant-K).

Adults | 884-6117

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.

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 | 884-6117 | 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 Wednesday night and Sunday morning.

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.

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

Deacons Fund Special Offering: Taken every Communion Sunday, this offering allows our Deacons to serve our brothers and sisters who are hungry, thirsty, sick or in need. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

The Deacons' semi-annual Blood Drive will be held January 10th, during the first night of winter GTW. In view of blood supply shortages, every contribution is valuable! Contact the Congregational Care office at 884-6145 to set up an appointment to give between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. The Penrose St. Francis "Blood Mobile" will be parked in the Weber Street parking lot.

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: Hope & Home trains and actively supports foster families across the Front Range. All foster parents receive Love to Nurture training, a gentle approach to raising kids that contributes to the successful relationships between foster parents and the children they care for. Pray that those who offer Love to Nurture training will be steadfast and encouraged as they minister.

Local Church: Friendship Baptist Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund *In Memory of:*

Roger Tepley by Ruth, Risa, Ronna, Ryan and families

IN MEMORIAM

Jamison Christopher Hodges – 12/15/2017

Mr. Edward Kirby – 12/22/2017

Miss Barbara Jean Fatjo – 12/24/2017

Mrs. Lee Connelly (Wid. William) – 12/25/2017

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