

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30)

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Mark 1:15

## GATHERING MUSIC

*“Oh for a Thousand Tongues”* .....Binion

## ORGAN PRAISE

*“Introduction to the Hymn of Praise”* ..... Hobby  
Frank Shelton

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*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Mark Israel, Jim Crosbie, Mike Heath, Trumpets

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Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar; Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

#### \* SONG OF RESPONSE

*"You Are My All in All"* . . . . . Jernigan

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed** Jennifer Holz

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

### LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*"Ain'a that Good News!"* . . . . . Dawson

### SERMON

**START: The Start Is the Hardest Part**  
**"Keep on Message"** Mark 1:14-15 Tim McConnell

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*"Heaven's Song"* . . . . . Choplin

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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New ministries are cast.

*Refrain:*

Let never-changing message,  
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We now reclaim our mission,  
And dedicate our lives;  
We reaffirm our vision,  
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Lord, grant to us a future,  
In keeping with Your plan,  
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#### POSTLUDE

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 502, vs. 1, 2, 3**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

# SERMON

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## GATHERING MUSIC

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Katie Fowler

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

**SONGS OF WORSHIP** Chris Cullins and Zoe Anderson

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

**\*CHILDREN’S SERMON** (11:00) Danny Shaw

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**START: The Start Is the Hardest Part**

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## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## BENEDICTION

Our **Prayer Team** is available to pray for you in the front of the Worship Center following the service.

\* Children 3–Kindergarten are invited to **Bible Break** during the second half of the 11 a.m. service.

Check your potty-trained children in at a check-in station if you’d like them to attend.

Pick up children in Room 236 promptly after the service concludes. Children are always welcome in worship.

# HAPPENINGS

## **Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is called for today, January 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

By Order of the Session, Kim Lee, Clerk

Join us for our annual celebration of the life and ministry of First Pres. We will elect church officers for 2018, then celebrate with a worship service and look ahead to what God is calling First Pres to in the next year.

Nursery is provided with registration (birth – Kindergarten) and children are welcome in the meeting. A reception will follow in the Plaza. See you this afternoon!

## **Curious About Jesus?**

He's the reason we're here! 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 with us. Greeters who can help you find your way into the life of the church are located at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary, and near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

**Doorways Membership Classes:** Our next new member class will take place on Sunday mornings, February 11 through March 4. Register at [www.first-pres.org/membership](http://www.first-pres.org/membership).

## **For the Whole Church Family**

**Growing Together Wednesdays** classes meet at 3:45 and 6:15, with dinner at 4:45. January 31 caterer: El Taco Rey. View courses and register today at [first-pres.org/gtw](http://first-pres.org/gtw).

## **Adults | 884-6117**

Life Groups: Ready to take a step in the New Year and find your smaller circle of people at First Pres? A new wave of Life Groups will begin during Lent (mid-February through March) and includes men's, women's, mixed and young adult groups. Sign up at [www.first-pres.org/lifegroups](http://www.first-pres.org/lifegroups).

## **Men | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/men](http://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).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Tuesdays, 6:15 to 7:30 a.m. Register at [www.first-pres.org/men](http://www.first-pres.org/men).

Jose Muldoon's Monthly Lunch – Tuesday, January 30, 11:45 to 1 p.m. at 222 N Tejon St.

## **Women | 884-6117 | [first-pres.org/women](http://first-pres.org/women)**

WOW Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We're studying Kirkie Morrissey's book, *Where Are You, God? Questions of the Heart*. Cost is \$30. Register at [www.first-pres.org/women](http://www.first-pres.org/women).

## **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 and Wednesday night.

The Good Life – Winter Camp registration is open for 5th-12th graders! Camp will be February 16-18



at Ponderosa Camp in Larkspur, CO. Cost is \$199. Register at [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 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](http://first-pres.org/nursery)**

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events. Volunteers needed for Thursday mornings! (Contact [bmorrison@first-pres.org](mailto:bmorrison@first-pres.org).)

### **Mission Engagement | 884-6233 | [first-pres.org/missions](http://first-pres.org/missions)**

A team is forming to go on a Living Water trip to El Salvador June 10-16. Informational meetings will be held Sunday, February 4 from 9:30 to 9:50 and 10:15 to 10:45, and February 7 from 5:30 to 6. Visit [first-pres.org/livingwater](http://first-pres.org/livingwater) for more information.

Sunday, February 4, is ESM donation Sunday. Canned meat, peanut butter, pasta sauce, toilet-paper and ramen noodles are most needed for the

month of February. Carts will be placed in the Plaza and Weber Street parking lot.

The refugee women's sewing group needs large pieces of cotton and cotton-polyester fabric in bright colors. About three yards makes one garment. Bring to the Mission Engagement office. The next gathering is Tuesday, February 13, 3-5 p.m., and volunteers are welcome.

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

If you have survived cancer or have been a cancer caregiver and are interested in supporting cancer victims, CanCare informational meetings will be held January 28, February 4 and February 11, in the Sanctuary Board Room from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Emily Jones at 641-6900.

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

Cafe 225 Barista, part-time; Nursery Caregiver, part-time.

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

**Mission Emphasis:** Carol Crom works with Entrust. Pray for Carol as she prepares for a spring trip into a relatively new area of "creative access." Pray that Carol will have eyes to see heart needs and wisdom to speak into leaders' lives.

**Local Church:** Grace Community Church

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

***Penrose Main***

Mr. Mark Hodgson

***Health Care Resort***

Ms. Ann Thomas

Mrs. Joan Hazard

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

Maxine Harris Stanford by John & Gail Stevens & Family  
Larry Perkins, on his birthday, by Joan Perkins & Family  
Doris Bouton by Annie & Rob Foster

## IN MEMORIAM

Ms. Pat White 1/14/18

Mr. Randall Newendyke 1/24/18

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).