

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (8:30, December 2)

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and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."*

John 16:22

GATHERING MUSIC

"Time for Joy" DeJarnette
Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader

ORGAN PRAISE

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Gorby/Traditional
Roderick Gorby

INTROIT

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel" arr. DeJarnette
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 1) Jennifer Holz

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which means, "God with us."*

People: Come, O come, Immanuel!

Leader: Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 154, vs. 1, 4

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* Congregation standing.

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

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Barnhart family: David, Vonda and Thomas

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"No Eye Had Seen" Smith

SERMON

TIME FOR JOY: "A Joy Exercise"

John 16:16-24 Tim McConnell

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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;
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Words: Mary Jackson Cathey; Tune: Ellacombe

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy and Fugue on "Ellacombe"Gorby

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Matt Holtzman

Isaiah 55:1-6, 12-13

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 232, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4**

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SONGS OF PRAISE AND PRAYER Chris Cullins, Greg Hartnett, Reid Edington

OFFERING

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Roth family: David, Elizabeth, Kayla, Olivia and Travis (9:00)

The Hunter family: Allen, Angela, Holly and Bryce (11:00)

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

RESPONSE AND SENDING

There will be no Children's Sermon today. Children's Ministries leaders will be available to pray a blessing over children not yet taking communion.

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HAPPENINGS

Next Sunday “Time for Joy – A Bundle of Joy”
Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from Luke 1:39–50.

Art for the Advent Season has been hung in the Narthex. You are invited to attend a reception with the artists in the Narthex today, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Serve Christmas Eve – We need your help to serve the thousands of guests that enter our worship services on Christmas Eve. Sign up today at the Plaza Welcome Center as well as by the Sanctuary Welcome Center to serve on Christmas Eve. Don't have time to stop by today? Sign up online at www.first-pres.org.

Carols and Cocoa 2018 – Sunday, December 16, at 6 p.m. Join with First Pres as we gather in homes and spread out to sing Christmas carols to bring light and life for the city's neighbors! Register at www.first-pres.org/carols.

Christmas Joy! Concert – Sunday, December 9, 2 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Pikes Peak Center box office. Ticket prices: \$16, \$21, \$26.

Giving Commitments for 2019 Thank you for your faithful support of the Lord's work here at First Pres. Commitment cards can still be turned in. Pick one up at the Plaza Reception Desk or submit online at www.first-pres.org/commitment.

Adult Ministries | 719-884-6117

Do you have a passion for creating space for honest, safe conversation about God and faith? We are building a team for Alpha, a course that explores the Christian faith. There are a variety

of ways to serve on the Alpha team. For more information about Alpha, visit alphausa.org. To learn more about serving with Alpha here at First Pres, contact Ina Meyer at imeyer@first-pres.org.

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

Children | 884-6126 | first-pres.org/children
Preschool meets on the 2nd floor and K–5th grades meet on the 3rd floor at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students
Middle School (6–8) meets Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. High School (9–12) meets Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Winter Camp: High School Feb. 1–3; Middle School Feb. 15–17. Sign up today at www.first-pres.org/students to get the early bird rate!

College | 719-237-1522 | first-pres.org/college
Young Life College club meets each Tuesday night at 7:46 p.m. at UCCS in Breck 5101.

College Worship Night – Thursday, December 6, at Cafe 225 from 7:30–9 p.m. We hope you can join us for a night of fellowship, faith and fun. Hope to see you there!!!

Women | 884-6117 | first-pres.org/women
Women's Christmas Celebration – Thursday, December 6, 6 p.m. and Friday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$20. Tickets are on sale at the Plaza Reception Desk.

Men's Life | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/men

Men's Christmas Brunch – Saturday, December 15, 9:30–11 a.m. in the Worship Center. Nate Stratman, pastor of Hope Community Church in Wilmington, N.C., will be the speaker. Cost: \$10. Tickets are on sale at the Plaza Reception Desk and online at www.first-pres.org/men.

Mission Engagement | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions

We are forming two teams to go to Mongolia in 2019. The Teacher's Camp Team needs teachers and administrators. The English Team needs those who enjoy teaching ESL. The teams will train as one, but work with different groups while in Mongolia. We appreciate team members who have teaching qualifications, an ESL certification or endorsement, or a TOFEL or TESOL certification. Informational meetings today at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in Room 205.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: A team of ten leaves tomorrow to work with our partners in Egypt. Pray for smooth travel, continued relationship building and for them to be light and life to the people that they meet.

Local Church: Village Seven Presbyterian Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Hospital
Mr. Jack Timberlake

Financial Summary for 2018

2018 Budgeted Contribution Income	\$ 6,480,000
Actual Contribution Income through Nov. 25 . .	\$ <u>5,687,984</u>
Remaining Balance to Reach 2018 Budget	\$ 792,016

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

Every Communion Sunday our congregation is invited to give to our Deacon Fund, which assists those who fall upon hard times and funds various ministries of care to those who are hurting. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

Parkinson's Support Group, 2nd Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. in the Aspen Room, Weber Street Center. Meetings offer mutual caring and support to Parkinson's disease patients, their caregivers and family members.

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

Program Coordinator for Communication, full-time; Graphic Designer, full-time. You can also visit www.first-pres.org/serve to find volunteer opportunities.

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. Lila Gorab – 11/26/18

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