

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (DECEMBER 9, 8:30)

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Luke 1:44

ORGAN PRAISE

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Gorby/Smart
Roderick Gorby

INTROIT

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 60) John Goodale

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

People: The glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Leader: Our hearts swell with joy!

People: We come to worship Christ, our King!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 189, vs. 1, 4

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Time for Joy"/"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" DeJarnette/Traditional
Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar; Andy Burtschi, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

* Congregation standing.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mike and Susan Albright, Chris, Sara, Marianne, Duncan

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF RESPONSE, No. 236, vs. 4**

“As With Gladness”

Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“Breath of Heaven” Grant/Eaton, arr. Eithun
Vivace Ringers; Jan Weiser, Director

SERMON

TIME FOR JOY: "A Bundle of Joy"

Luke 1:39-50 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Joy in the Morning".....Sleeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER Pat Hartsock

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 176, vs. 1-4**

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" Gorby/Weissel

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* **HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 153**, vs. 1, 2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP (9:00 and 11:00, December 9)

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SONGS OF PRAISE AND PRAYER Chris Cullins, Greg Hartnett, Zoe Anderson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Matt and Misty Meister, Nathan, Whitney (9:00)

Greg and Heather Sharp, Lexi, Evan (11:00)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00 a.m.) Jennifer Holz

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HAPPENINGS

Next Sunday "Time for Joy – Because God Said"
Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from Zephaniah 3:14-20.

For the Whole Church Family

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 to our city's neighborhoods! Register at www.first-pres.org/carols.

Christmas Joy! Concert – Today at 2 and 4:30 p.m. A handful of tickets are left for this annual Christmas concert. Contact the Pikes Peak Center box office directly to determine ticket availability.

Offering Envelopes

For those who have preordered 2019 Offering envelopes, they are available for pick up at the table outside the Library located in Hansen Hall, through the end of December. Haven't ordered yours yet? You can still order a box by filling out the order form at the envelope table.

Year End Giving

All contributions received or postmarked by December 31 will be recorded on the 2018 Giving Statements which will be mailed in January 2019.

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. 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.

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 or call 884-6117.

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

Something Significant for Christmas catalogs are out and are a great way to spread Christ's love to friends and family members while benefiting First Pres local and global partners. We are at the Plaza Welcome Desk filling orders today, so stop by!

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

FaithNet, a free, peer-led family support group (a program of the National Alliance on Mental Illness), meets each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Weber Street Center Student Ministry Library. The group supports family members, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.

Members who are mental health professionals or pastoral counselors are invited to bring a lunch and join our Counseling Coalition for their next meeting on Tuesday, December 11, from 12-1 p.m. in Room 202. All partici-

Financial Summary for 2018

2018 Budgeted Contribution Income \$ 6,480,000
Actual Contribution Income through 12/2 \$ 5,831,856
Remaining Balance to Reach 2018 Budget . . . \$ 648,144

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

pants earn one (1) continuing education credit hour for attending.

CanCare Holiday Program – Cancer survivors and caregivers are invited to a special program put on by CanCare of Colorado Springs and the Opera Theatre of the Rockies, Wednesday, December 19, 2-3:00 p.m. at Brookdale Skyline. Call Caring Ministries for more info.

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Urban Peak works to ignite the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives. Pray for protection and comfort for these young people in this colder season and as we enter Advent.

Local Church: Woodmen Valley Chapel

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Hospital
Mrs. Elsie Wood

Center at Centennial
Mr. Jack Timberlake

**Gifts to
Sanctuary Flower Fund**

In Memory of:

For our Parents, Kay and Howard Krall, Bill Haigler and Fran Ainsworth by David and Christy Krall

My parents, Don and Priscilla Parker and my second mom, Irene Bainton by Kathy Miranda and Family

Jill Moran by H. Corat Moran

Our precious mother, Eunice Ehlert by John and Cheri Swann and Families.

IN MEMORIAM

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