

THIRD SERVICE OF ADVENT (DECEMBER 16, 8:30)

"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17

ORGAN PRAISE

"Gloria"..... Gorby
Roderick Gorby

INTROIT

"Hear, King of Angels"..... Bach
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Pipkin

Leader: The Lord our God is with us!

People: The Mighty Warrior Who saves!

Leader: He rejoices over us with singing!

People: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 188, vs. 1, 2

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Time for Joy".....DeJarnette
Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader; Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;
Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

* Congregation standing.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John and Heather Houston

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“On This Day, Angels Sing” Gilpin
featuring the Christmas Children’s Choir; Bethany Hanson, Director

SERMON

TIME FOR JOY: "Because God Said"
Zephaniah 3:14-20 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"And the Father Will Dance" Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER Jennifer Holz

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 198, vs. 2, 3**
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"In Dulci Jubilo" Gorby/traditional

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Justin and Jen Ellis, William, Nathaniel, Luke

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- * **HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 118**, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
"Lord of the Dance"

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SERVICE OF WORSHIP (9:00 and 11:00)**

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SONGS OF PRAISE AND PRAYER Chris Cullins, Renee Brown

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Joe & Angela Simpich, Sydney, Juliet, Titus (9:00)

Chuck & Annie Moore, Will, Claire, Garrett (11:00)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00 a.m.) Greg Hartnett

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER

SERMON

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RESPONSE AND SENDING

*Need someone to pray for you today? Our Prayer Team is available
immediately following today's service at the front of the Worship Center.*

HAPPENINGS

Christmas Eve 2018

Family Service – 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary Services – 12, 2, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Worship Center Services – 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Celtic Acoustic Service of Communion – 10:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery available – 12, 2, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Serve Christmas Eve – Help welcome thousands into worship by serving as an usher or host, or in food service or parking ministry. Volunteers are still needed for our 12, 4, 5:30, 7 and 10:45 p.m. services. Sign up in person this morning or online at www.first-pres.org/servechristmaseve.

Coming and Going – Be sure to arrive 30 minutes early. Bring joy to others by being flexible and watching out for those who are new with us. Hosts and signage will help you find your way to the service you'd like to attend, and we'll direct people to overflow seating as worship venues fill. Find a full parking map and additional info at www.first-pres.org/christmaseve.

Next Sunday "Time for Joy – Joy to Share"
Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from Luke 1:11–25.

For the Whole Church Family

Carols and Cocoa 2018 – tonight at 6 p.m.! Come celebrate with First Pres as we gather in homes and spread out to sing Christmas carols and bring hope to our city's neighborhoods! Register at www.first-pres.org/carols.

Year End Giving – The Business Office will be open until 5 p.m. on December 31. All contributions received or postmarked by December 31 will be recorded on the 2018 Giving Statements, which will be mailed in January 2019.

The Church Library will be closed from December 24, 2018, through January 2, 2019.

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. These classes will not meet December 23 or 30.

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. These classes will not meet December 23 or 30.

Winter Camp: High School Feb. 1–3; Middle School Feb. 15–17. Sign up today at www.first-pres.org/students.

College | 719-237-1522 Young Life College club meets Tuesday nights at 7:46 p.m. at UCCS in Breck 5101.

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. starting January 8. Taught by Pastor Pat Hartsock. Register at www.first-pres.org/men.

Women's Life | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/women

WOW Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. starting January 15. Cost is \$30. Register at www.first-pres.org/women.

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

Spread Christ's love to friends and family members while benefiting First Pres Local and Global Partners through Something Significant for Christmas. We are at the Plaza Welcome Desk filling orders today, so stop by!

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

Program Coordinator for Communication, full-time; Graphic Designer, full-time; Director of

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Jim and Carolyn Mudge are WBT Bible Translation Consultants for the Solomon Islands. Pray for health, safety and for God's continued work in their lives as they continue to live out the call God has placed on their lives.

Local Church: Woodmen Heights

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Swedish Medical Ctr.

Mrs. Sheila McKenzie

Penrose Hospital

Mrs. Lynne Murray

Center at Centennial

Mr. Jack Timberlake

Liberty Hgts. Manor

Mrs. Peggy Houser

Health Care Resort

Mrs. Elsie Wood

Financial Summary for 2018

2018 Budgeted Contribution Income \$ 6,480,000

Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 9 . . . \$ 5,968,524

Remaining Balance to Reach 2018 Budget . . . \$ 511,476

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

Children's Ministry, full-time.

Offering Envelopes – If you preordered 2019 envelopes, they are available for pick up at the table outside the Library 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.

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund

In Memory of:

Oleta Edwards' Birthday by Bill and Virginia Harris, and the Mark Harris and Holly Spalding families

My brother, Charles Alan Haley, by Margaret Oliver

Richard Ebeling by Marion Ebeling and Family

Paul and Evelyn Perkins and Carl and Blanche Swan by Joan Perkins

My parents by Kathy D. Nelson

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mulkey and John Mulkey II by Jim and Jane Mulkey

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kolb by Jim and Jane Mulkey

Doris Bouton by Annie and Rob Foster

Susan Quinlan by Mike Quinlan

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Edwin Berry, Jr. – 12/7/18

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