

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (DECEMBER 23, 8:30)

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Luke 1:14

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Roderick Gorby

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The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

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## \* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

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## \*\*WELCOME AND GREETING

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*"Time for Joy"/"Peace, Peace"* . . . . . DeJarnette/Bock  
Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader; Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;  
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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Paul and Julie Batura, Riley, Will, Alexander

**\* SONG OF RESPONSE**

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

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**LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"* . . . . . Longhurst

**SERMON**

**TIME FOR JOY: "Joy to Share"**

Luke 1:11-25 Tim McConnell

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER** Lydia Lockhart

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### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION

*"Come, Prepare the Savior's Way"*

Come, prepare the Savior's way;

Usher in the brand new day.

Spread the news, proclaim the Word,

Until all the world has heard.

*Refrain:* Make a highway for our God

Straight for all to see and laud!

Raise the valleys, grade the heights.

Come, prepare the way for Christ!

Come, prepare on bended knee,

Then go forth by His decree.

Washed by blood, baptized with fire –

Christ alone, our heart's desire! *Refrain*

Come, prepare; shine bright and far –

Filled with wonder, love and awe!

Penetrate the dark of night,

With the kingdom and its light. *Refrain*

Words: James DeJarnette; tune: St. George's Windsor

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

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**SONGS OF PRAISE AND PRAYER** Chris Cullins, Greg Hartnett, Raina Edwards

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Derek and Bethany Hanson, Aiden, Caleb, Elsie (9:00)

Mark & Leigh Ann Looyenga, Cariann, Evan (11:00)

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

**OFFERING**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER**

**SERMON**

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**RESPONSE AND SENDING**

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# HAPPENINGS

## Christmas Eve 2018

**Family Service** – 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Bring a pair of warm socks as a gift for one of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

**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.

**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](http://www.first-pres.org/christmaseve).

**Next Sunday** "Time for Joy – Joy to the Past" Pastor John Goodale will preach from Luke 1:68–79.

## For the Whole Church Family

**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.

## 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](http://alphausa.org). To learn more about serving with Alpha here at First Pres, contact Ina Meyer at [imeyer@first-pres.org](mailto:imeyer@first-pres.org).

## Nursery | 884-6139 | [first-pres.org/nursery](http://first-pres.org/nursery)

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

## Children | 884-6126 | [first-pres.org/children](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.first-pres.org/men).



**Women's Life | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/women](http://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](http://www.first-pres.org/women).

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

Everyone goes through a difficult time. Having someone to care, to listen and to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing. The Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through this one-to-one caring relationship, many who are hurting can receive the love, care and support that is needed. Please contact the Caring Ministries office at 884-6145 for information.

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

Program Coordinator for Communication, full-time; Graphic Designer, full-time; Director of Children's Ministry, full-time. You can also visit [www.first-pres.org/serve](http://www.first-pres.org/serve) to find volunteer opportunities.

**WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS**

**Mission Emphasis:** The Marian House Soup Kitchen has offered meals 365 days a year since 1985 to anyone who comes in their doors. Pray for the people that they serve as the weather gets colder and for the volunteers to serve the meals with joy.

**Local Church:** Broadmoor Community Church

**Financial Summary for 2018**

2018 Budgeted Contribution Income . . . . . \$ 6,480,000  
Actual Contribution Income through 12/11 . . . \$ 6,090,936  
Remaining Balance to Reach 2018 Budget. . . . \$ 389,064

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

**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:*

Bob Duke by Jan Duke and Family

My husband, James M. Wood, Jr., and my mother,  
Elsie Kennedy, by Elsie Wood and Family

My son, Jeff Blackmun, daughter, Paula Blackmun,  
and parents, Julia & Lynn Hammond,  
by Julie Blackmun

Roger DeKok by Carolyn DeKok and Family  
Charlotte and Bill Flinkow by Carolyn and Pete and  
the Dekok and Flinkow Families

Lu Ann Peterson, Joseph and Doris Gascoigne and  
Harry and Mildred Peterson by  
the Wally Peterson Family

Bruce W. Lane by Lane Family

John and Betty Bass by John and Nancy Bass

**IN MEMORIAM**

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).