

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30 AUGUST 12)

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Ephesians 6:12

GATHERING MUSIC

"How Great Is Our God" Tomlin, Reeves, Cash

ORGAN PRAISE

Fughetta on "Come, Thou Almighty King" Gorby/Italian Hymn
Roderick Gorby

INTROIT

"Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Bird
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Daniel 7) Katie Fowler

Leader: Come, Thou Almighty King!

People: Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Leader: Come Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear.

People: Rule in every heart, Spirit of power.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 148, vs. 1, 2, 3

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Doug Moden, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* SONG OF PRAISE, No. 511

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

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

* Congregation standing.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** RESPONSE**

"In Christ Alone," vs. 4 Townend, Getty

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed** Tom Pipkin

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 at 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

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers and Life Group Leaders

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Idyll of Praise" Courtney

SERMON

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Lord, You're Holy"Knight
Vonda Barnhart, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 507, vs. 1-4**
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Eb, BWV 582, "St. Anne"J.S. Bach

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*** HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“A Battle’s Fought Within the Heart”

A battle’s fought within the heart, deciding what we love.
Will hearts be mired in the dark, or set on things above?
Temptations come and Satan calls; yet, speaks a still, small voice.
The lure of darkness fades and falls, when Light becomes our choice.

A battle’s fought within the mind, deciding what we think.
If God we seek, then God we’ll find, and Living Water drink.
The devil comes with evil lies, yet Jesus does not break.
“Serve God alone,” our Savior cries. The choice is ours to make.

A battle’s fought within the soul, deciding who we are.
All life is in the Lord’s control. Dare we remain afar?
By grace we live and have our breath, the Lord is on our side:
For Christ is Life; and Satan, death – with all our hearts, choose life!

Words: James DeJarnette; tune: Ellacombe

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GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Holz

SONGS OF WORSHIP Chris Cullins

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SONG OF RESPONSE

BENEDICTION

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HAPPENINGS

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 have a welcome gift for you and can help you find your way into the life of the church. Meet them at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary, or near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

Sign Up for Fall Life Groups Ready to take a step from "me" to "we?" New Life Groups are starting this month and registration continues today in the Plaza and Narthex and online at first-pres.org/lifegroups. Questions? Contact Katie at kfowler@first-pres.org.

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

Fall Kickoff

Lord sermon series begins August 19.

All-Church Picnic, August 22, 5 to 7 p.m., on the Weber Street Center lawn; free tickets are available at the Plaza reception desk.

Growing Together Wednesdays,
Doorways New Members Class and
Divorce Recovery Workshop begin August 29. Find details about all three at first-pres.org/gtw.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students

There will be no regular Sunday morning program for 68 Highway or High School Ministry today. Instead, join us at 10:05 a.m. for an open house at the Weber Street Center to kick off the new school year.

Children | 884-6126 | first-pres.org/children

There will be no regular Preschool or Elementary Sunday School today. Instead, join us in the Gym on the 3rd floor, 10 – 11 a.m., for an open house. Classroom tours are available for families new to our ministries!

Looking for a place to share Jesus' love with children? Children's Ministries is looking for volunteers to help. Sunday School starts August 19! Interested? Please contact Candice Ware at cware@first-pres.org or Bethany Hanson at bhanson@first-pres.org or visit first-pres.org/childrenvolunteer.

Bible Break Comes to a Close

Because families are increasingly worshiping together at 11 a.m., Bible Break will no longer be offered during this service. We encourage you to make use of our worship activity bags in the Worship Center and of our nursery, which is open for infants through kindergarteners.

Men | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/men

Register for these events using the link above:

Bike Outing – Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m. at America the Beautiful Park. Optional add-on breakfast at 8 a.m. at Western Omelette.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study –Tuesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m. starting August 28. Taught by Pastor Pat Hartsock.

Men's Quarterly Breakfast – Saturday, September 22, 8:30 – 10 a.m., in the Aspen Room. Pastor Pat Hartsock will be the speaker. Cost is \$10.

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

CityServe Weekend is October 5 – 6; registration is open! Sign up at first-pres.org/cityserve.

We're hosting a COSILoveYou Town Hall Meeting August 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 435. Learn more about COSILoveYou and CityServe Weekend. Lunch provided. RSVP to info@cityserveecos.com.

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

Our next Prime Time (ages 60+) lunch program will be Wednesday, August 15, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. in the Aspen Room at the Weber Street Center. Tim

McConnell, Lead Pastor, will be speaking. Lunch is \$8. RSVP by August 13 at 884-6142.

First Pres, in cooperation with Penrose - St. Francis Hospital, will sponsor a Blood Drive Wednesday, August 29, 4 – 6:30 p.m. The "Blood Mobile" will be parked in the Weber Street Center parking lot. Please call Caring Ministries at 884-6145 to schedule your time to donate.

The Fall Grief Workshop runs Mondays, September 10 – October 22, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you have experienced the death of a loved one or close friend, this workshop is for you. More info at first-pres.org/grief.

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

2018-19 Preschool Teacher and Teacher Assistant (and Substitutes), part-time; Manager of Environment and First Impressions, full-time; Custodian, full-time; Executive Assistant to Lead Pastor, full-time; Barista, part-time.

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund

In Memory of:

My husband, Bruce Pattee, by Lynn Pattee

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gunderson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoyt Baird by Mr. and Mrs. Caroll Baird and family

Our son, Aaron D. Rossin, by Mom and Dad

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Norman G. Erickson 7/6/18

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

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Carlos and Becky Pinto work with United World Mission. Pray for the tribal church leadership in Ecuador and that the leaders would persevere and stay rooted in Christ.

Local Church: Grace Episcopal Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

UC Health Aurora

Mr. Minor Nelson

Sunny Vista

Mrs. Esther Hill

Penrose Main

Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson

Health Care Resort

Ms. Dora Ann Thomas

Ms. Lorine Conrad