

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30 a.m., November 17)

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2 Thessalonians 3:5

GATHERING MUSIC

"Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader

ORGAN PRAISE

"To God Be the Glory" Gorby/Doane

Roderick Gorby

INTROIT

"Clap Your Hands!" DeJarnette

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 47) Eunice McGarrahan

Leader: Worship the Lord, most high!

People: Shout to God with the voice of joy!

Leader: He is highly exalted!

People: To God be the glory, great things He has done!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 66, vs. 1–3

"To God Be the Glory"

Mark Israel, Chris Lawson, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone," vs. 1–3. Townend/Getty

Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar; Jason Crowe, Bass;

Scott Barbier, Percussion; Cully Joyce, Tenor Sax

* Congregation standing.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved You. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, as You come to us in mercy, we admit our sin, and repent in spirit and truth.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*** RESPONSE**

“In Christ Alone,” vs. 4

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Tim McConnell; Bonnie Cherry, Assisting Elder
Nathan Jennings Bauman and Jack Eli Bauman,
sons of Mark and Heather Bauman

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”.....Hayes

SERMON

STEADFAST: “Christ’s Perseverance”
2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Jesus, the One and Only”Mason
Vonda Barnhart, Soloist

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

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“The Door of Hope Is Open”

The door of hope is open!
Walk through – and spread the news!
Our faithful God has spoken –
Behold, His Spirit moves:
He moves amidst our stormy hours;
Uncertainties and fear.
He shelters us with mighty pow’rs:
He’s with us, ever near.

A crossroads of disquiet	Because the Lord is faithful,
Confronts the searching soul.	We’ll never be alone!
On lesser things reliant,	In everything, be grateful:
Our fears devour us whole.	He stands beside His own.
But God does not forsake us,	Regardless what a day may bring,
We need not live in fear.	Our God is in command.
We place our trust in Jesus,	The Good News of our Lord and King
Whose faithfulness is clear.	Is that for which we stand!

Words: James DeJarnette; Tune: St. Theodulph

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue on St. Theodulph” Gorby/Teschner

Need someone to pray for you today? Our Prayer Team is available immediately following today’s service at the front of the Sanctuary. You can also email requests to prayer@firstprescos.org.

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Harper Ellen Young, daughter of Blair and Megan Young;
Daniel Eric Ragone, son of Andrew Ragone and Jessica White

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*** HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 90, vs. 1, 2, 4**

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NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We're so glad you're here! Our joyful hope is that you experience the Light and Life of Christ while you're with us. The best way to connect with others who are new and to have your questions answered is to meet at the Welcome Center at 10:10 a.m. for **Coffee with a Pastor**. See you there!

Find us at firstprescos.org. Call us at 719-884-6100. Manage your communication preferences at my.firstprescos.org/subscribe.



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Discover First Pres – Join us on Sunday, December 8 at 10:10 a.m. in Room 210 for a 45-minute introduction to First Pres that will help you understand First Pres ministries and core beliefs, and provide opportunities to connect in smaller groups and ways to serve. You are invited to register at firstprescos.org/discover or just walk in on the day of the workshop.

Prayer – Need prayer? Look for a Prayer Team

GIFTS TO SANCTUARY FLOWER FUND

In Memory of:

William Flinkow by Carolyn DeKok and family

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lynda Todd – 11/5/2019

Mr. Paul Joseph Nelson – 11/6/2019

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at firstprescos.org/memorials.

member at the end of worship, fill out a prayer card in the pew pocket or friendship folder, or email prayer@firstprescos.org.

Counseling Coalition – If you're feeling stuck, counseling help is available. Call 844-657-1684 for a referral from the First Pres Counseling Coalition.

Connect with First Pres Ministries

Families with Children 0–18 | 719-884-6126

firstprescos.org/family

College and Adults | 719-884-6117

firstprescos.org/discipleship

Caring Ministries | 719-884-6145

firstprescos.org/care

Mission Engagement | 719-884-6233

firstprescos.org/missionengagement

Worship and Music | 719-884-6113

firstprescos.org/worship

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Since 1990, Greccio Housing has strived to provide stability, safety and support for more than 1,000 residents by working to reduce their housing expense burden. In addition to their help with affordable housing, they provide classes for life skills and create community with their residents through outreach and events. Pray for the residents to continue to seek stability and growth as Greccio works to support them.

Local Church: Grace Episcopal Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Main

Mr. Dee Niehans

Mrs. Joy Brown

The Center at Cordera

Mrs. Marjorie Ferrin

Healthcare Resort

Mr. Gordon Merrick

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Today, November 17: "Christ's Perseverance"

Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5 as the series, *Steadfast*, continues.

Next Week: "Still Standing" Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from 2 Thessalonians 3:6–18.

My Hope Is Built, our next sermon series, begins December 1 with Pastor Jennifer Holz preaching from Matthew 24:36–44.

Advent 2019 is a time of joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ! Register for Advent events at my.firstprescos.org/advent19. Events include **Bethlehem by Candlelight, Something Significant for Christmas, Help for the Holiday Blues, Women's Christmas Dinner and Brunch, Men's Christmas Brunch and the Christmas Joy!** concerts. Also sign up at the Welcome Center.

Christmas Joy ticket buyers please beware! Third-party websites are selling Christmas Joy tickets at substantially increased prices. To reach the official Pikes Peak Center box office, you must go to my.firstprescos.org/christmasjoy or to pikespeakcenter.com and click "Events & Tickets." The concerts will be at the Pikes Peak Center on Sunday, December 15 at 2 and 4:30 p.m.

READY TO SERVE?

November City Engagement Focus: Springs Rescue Mission — Springs Rescue Mission seeks to see lives transformed and filled with hope as our community works together to fight homelessness, poverty and addiction by providing food, shelter, job training and rehabilitation. Learn more about Springs Rescue Mission and how First Pres is involved with them at firstprescos.org/srm.

GENEROSITY UNCONTAINED

If you missed making your pledge on Commitment Sunday, it's not too late! We celebrate Christ's work through our congregation's generous commitments to give to the work of the Lord in 2020. You can go online to make your pledge today at my.firstprescos.org/commitment or get a pledge card in pew pockets or at Welcome Center.

Help for the Holiday Blues workshop can help those struggling this holiday season learn to hope and cope in the midst of loss. Counselor and speaker Dee Ring Martz will lead this workshop. Workshop is \$5, on November 25 at 6:30 p.m. Flyers available in the racks. Register at my.firstprescos.org/holidayblues.

Looking for Christmas gifts for friends, family members, teachers or neighbors that have meaning? Grab a "Something Significant for Christmas" catalog or go to my.firstprescos.org/significant.

Advent decorators are needed November 25 to 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please email jdix@firstprescos.org.

Middle and High School Winter Camps are almost here! For more information and to register to secure your spot, head to firstprescos.org/students.

Interested in serving? | my.firstprescos.org/serve

Sunday Morning Hosts, Ushers, Parking and Mobility Ministry Volunteers help those who are new to First Pres feel welcome and find their way on Sundays. To join the team, contact Elizabeth at eroth@firstprescos.org.

Work at First Pres | firstprescos.org/jobs

Open Positions: Barista, part-time; Human Resources and Payroll Manager, full-time.