

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (8:30 a.m., December 8)

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Matthew 3:2

ORGAN PRAISE

Prelude to "O, Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" Gorby/Handel

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"

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Our Hope Has a Name!" DeJarnette

Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader

* Congregation standing.

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Tollefson-Switser family: Nancy, Randy and Natalie

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Holst

SERMON

MY HOPE IS BUILT: "Hope Draws Near"

Matthew 3:1–12 Tim McConnell

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed** Lydia Lockhart

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Communion elements are gluten-free and may be taken as received or when indicated by the minister.)

CLOSING PRAYER

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 176, vs. 1, 3, 4**

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fantasy on Truro"Gorby

Musicians participating in today's service:

Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Doug Moden, Trumpets; Marj Killick, Piano;
Julie Boughton, Flute; Jim Christian, Guitar; Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Holst

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lydia Lockhart
Isaiah 11:1–10

* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 232, vs. 1–4

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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 today 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 oppor-

tunities to connect in smaller groups and ways to serve. Walk-ins are welcome.

Prayer – Need prayer? Look for a Prayer Team member at the end of worship, fill out a prayer card in the pew pocket or friendship folder, or email prayer@firstprescos.org.

Connect with First Pres Ministries

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

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Mission Engagement | 719-884-6233

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Worship and Music | 719-884-6113

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GIFTS TO SANCTUARY FLOWER FUND

In Memory of:

Our parents, Kay and Howard Krall, and Bill Haigler
and Fran Ainsworth, by David and Christy Krall

My parents, Don and Pricella Parker and 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

Mrs. Marjorie Ward – 11/28/2019

Mrs. Patsy Ann York – 11/29/2019

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

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: First Pres has been connected with Cairo, Egypt, for more than 10 years. We are continually inspired by our sister church, Heliopolis Evangelical Church, as they share God's love locally, nationally and internationally. Pray for comfort for all who are grieving the loss of their former senior pastor, Dr. Makram Nagib. Pray that God continues to guide them as they seek to plant a church in a growing part of Cairo and minister in South Sudan.

Local Church: Monument Community Presbyterian

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Main

Mrs. Sarah Ogden

Mr. Bill Reynolds

Mrs. Jan Barnes

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Today, December 8: "Hope Draws Near" Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from Matthew 3:1–12 as the Advent series, *My Hope Is Built*, continues.

Next Week: "Glimmers of Hope" On the third Sunday in Advent, Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from Matthew 11:2–11 in our *My Hope Is Built* series.

Every Communion Sunday our congregation is invited to give to our Deacon Fund, which assists those who fall upon hard times and funds various ministries of care to those who are hurting. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

Bethlehem By Candlelight is today at the Weber Street Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This special holiday event includes cookie decorating, crafts, Bible stories, a petting zoo and two Christmas plays. Register at my.firstprescos.org/bbcandlelight.

Men's Christmas Brunch is Saturday, December 14 at 9 a.m. Register at my.firstprescos.org/mensbrunch. Featured speakers are Pastor Tim McConnell, Allen Hunter and Pat Hartsock. Cost is \$12.

Christmas Joy: Now is the time to invite friends and family to join in the excitement of experiencing Christmas Joy! Tickets are still available for both

Financial Summary for 2019

2019 Budgeted Contribution Income	\$6,730,000
Actual Contribution Income through 12/1	\$5,820,976
Remaining Balance to Reach 2019 Budget	\$909,024

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

December 15 concerts, at 2 and 4:30 p.m. Get tickets by going to my.firstprescos.org/christmasjoy or pikespeakcenter.com.

Vivace Ringers will perform their holiday concert, entitled "Go, Tell It!" on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheldon Jackson Room.

Join us for Alpha! Alpha is a space where people can explore big questions of faith, life and meaning in a safe environment. Our next eight-week course begins January 8. The course will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cafe 225. Register at firstprescos.org/alpha.

Sunday School Update: On December 22 and 29 there will be no adult Sunday School, and no children and youth Sunday School for kindergarten through high school. Nursery and preschool will be provided.

READY TO 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.

Crown the Year Blessing

Has God blessed you beyond your expectations in 2019? If so, consider making a gift to Him through our Crown the Year offering. You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in your offering envelope or give online at firstprescos.org/give.