



# Christmas at First Pres

CHRISTMAS EVE • 2019





# Welcome to Christmas Eve at First Pres!

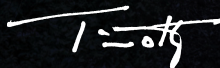
Where do you find hope?

There is a beautiful, classic hymn that says, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." When we hang our hope on flimsy and superficial things, it can easily fall. But the big surprise of Christmas is this: the little baby in the stone manger is the solid foundation for hope.

The birth of Jesus is good news for all people. God will not leave us behind. God sent us a Son and a Savior.

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, we are so glad you are here and we pray you find hope. Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Tim McConnell

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Tim McConnell", is positioned at the bottom right of the page.

# Christmas Eve Family Service

**December 24, 2019**

**10 a.m. • Sanctuary**

"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.  
She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger,  
because there was no guest room available for them."

*Luke 2:7*

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP – Allen Hunter and Bethany Hanson

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – Chris Cullins

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"O Holy Night"

PRAYER – Nathan Richards

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS – Kelsey Stevens, Narrator

"Away in a Manger"

*Angels will be invited forward.*

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Shepherds will be invited forward.*

"The First Noel"

*Wise people will be invited forward.*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

## OUR HOPE AND SALVATION – Tim McConnell

### SONG OF CELEBRATION

"Joy to the World"

### BENEDICTION

# Candlelight Services

**December 24, 2019**

**12, 2, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. • Sanctuary**

*"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."*

*Psalms 62:5*

ORGAN PRELUDE – Roderick Gorby

Music of the Season

INTROIT, "Hodie" by Leavitt – The Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King!

People: Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing!

Leader: With joy let us worship our newborn King!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 179, "Joy to the World!" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*SONG OF PRAISE, Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WELCOME

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved Thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Thy will, and walk in Thy ways, to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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## CHRISTMAS LITANY OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Matt Holtzman, Rachel Smith Worship Leaders

*Isaiah 9:2, 6*

**"Our Hope Has a Name!"**

*Luke 2:1–7*

**"Away in a Manger"**

*Luke 2:8–14*

**"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

*Matthew 2:1–6*

**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

*Matthew 2:7–12*

**"The First Noel"**

## GIVING OF OURSELVES IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**"The Promise" – Nagy**

## SERMON

**Our Hope and Salvation – Tim McConnell**

***Psalms 62:5–8***

## CANDLE LIGHTING

We light our Christmas Eve candles as a symbol of the light of Christ spreading to the whole world. (Lighted candles should be held upright so the next person can safely receive the flame.)

## SONG OF PREPARATION

"Shine on Us" – Smith

## CANDLELIGHT HYMN, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

(At the conclusion, please extinguish candles.)

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN OF REJOICING, No. 187, "O Holy Night" (vs. 1, 3)

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE, "Improvisation on Antioch" – Gorby

## **ASSISTING IN SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICES**

12, 2, 4 p.m. – John Goodale, Lydia Lockhart

5:30, 7 p.m. – Jennifer Holz, Greg Hartnett

## **MUSICIANS**

Marj Killick – Piano; Jason Crowe – Bass; Scott Barbier – Percussion;

Chris Lawson, Jim Crosbie – Trumpets



# Midnight at First Pres

**December 24, 2019**  
**10:45 p.m. • Sanctuary**

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him." *Psalm 62:5*

PRELUDE – String Quartet

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMNS,

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE, "Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, "O Holy Night"

CHRISTMAS LITANY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SERMON

**Our Hope and Salvation – Tim McConnell**

***Psalm 62:5–8***

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CANDLELIGHT HYMN, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF REJOICING, "Joy To The World"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**ASSISTING IN THIS SERVICE**

Greg Hartnett, Jennifer Holz

Worship Leaders – Matt Holtzman, Chris Cullins, Rachel Smith

**MUSICIANS**

Ben Bubeck – Cello; Ingri Fowler, Simona Gronic – Violin;

Collin Truesdale – Bass; Scott Barbier – Percussion

# We Exist to Be Light and Life for the City

## YOU BELONG HERE

We are called to give God glory and it all begins with worship where our hearts are trained to beat for Him. We worship God through praise, prayer, teaching, confession and celebrating baptism and communion. To help you and your family grow in your relationship with Jesus and connect with others, we offer two modes of worship and exciting Children's and Student Ministries on Sundays.

If you haven't been a guest on a Sunday morning, we invite you to plan a visit and join us for one of our weekend services or watch live online.

8:30 and 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 and 11 a.m. in the Worship Center



## FIND YOUR PLACE

If you're new here, Discover First Pres is a great first step to connect with the people and mission of First Pres. Come join Pastor Tim McConnell and ministry leaders for a casual lunch to hear the vision and story of First Pres, and connect with Life Groups and opportunities to serve. Mark your calendar for January 12 at 12 p.m. at Cafe 225. Register at [firstprescos.org/discover](https://firstprescos.org/discover).