



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
DECEMBER 21, 2025**

Good morning, First Pres! It is so good to be together today.

Whether you've been here for years or you're joining us for the first time, this is a place where you are welcome—you've found a place where we see lives transformed in the power of Christ, shaping believers into Christian disciples who proclaim the light of the gospel and demonstrate the life of Jesus in our city and beyond.

NEW HERE? If today is your first time with us, we want to meet you! Please fill out a New Here card, which you can find in the seat pocket in front of you. Whether you're looking for community, a place to serve, or just have questions about what it means to follow Jesus, we're here to walk that journey with you. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

LIGHT + LIFE *for the* **CITY**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Steve Williams, conductor; Steve Kindermann,
Tim Baird, Mark Israel, trumpet;
Mark Burditt, Sondra Bell, Christian Baeck,
trombone; Tyler Perea, tuba;
Scott Barbier, timpani; Dr. Adam Haas, organ
Arranger: Dan Marvin

INTROIT

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Chris Owenby, director
Arranger: Dan Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels From the Realms of Glory No. 189

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF ADORATION

Away in a Manger | No. 205

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Introduction of the Lee Family

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we come acknowledging that we
are a sinful people, greatly in need of Your grace
and mercy. Please forgive our hurtful words, our
unkind thoughts, and our impatience with others.
Forgive our pride and self-centeredness, which
run deeper than we prefer to admit. With humble
footsteps and reverent hearts we approach the
advent of Your coming. Help us to know You as
more than a child. Help us know You as Savior
and Lord, the one who came to make forgiveness
possible. Amen.

RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem | No. 180

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Angel's Carol

Composer: John Rutter

SERMON

Walk in the Light

1 John 1:1-10
Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light No. 248

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Judith Meyer, soloist
Composer: Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High No. 188

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Arranger: Tim Zimmerman

**“But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his
Son, purifies us from all sin.”**

1 John 1:7

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Everlasting Light*, from John 1:1-14. Invite a friend to join you this Christmas Eve!

NEED PRAYER?

- Find a pastor or Prayer Team member with a large red lanyard
- Fill out a Prayer Request card located in a pew pocket or in the Narthex.
- Email prayer@firstprescos.org

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Linda Holsworth

St. Francis Medical Center

Gladys Perry

Memorial Central

Please contact the church if you or another member are hospitalized.

NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

To see upcoming memorials, go to
FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES

IN MEMORIAM:

Susie Jenkins

December 13, 2025

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Bob Duke

by Jan Duke & family

Roger Tepley

by Ruth Tepley Quinlan, Risa, Ronna,
Ryan & families

Adelaide Grace Rowell

by Jonathan, Lara, Weber, Graedon Rowell
& Linda Weber

Clyde Keith

by Lloyal Keith & family

Roger DeKok & Charlotte & Bill Flinkow

Carolyn & Pete & the DeKok & Flinkow
families

Hugh & Helena Gollan

by Graham Gollan

The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.
FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Celebrate Christmas Eve with us at First Pres! From our interactive Kids Nativity service to Classic Candlelight worship in the Sanctuary throughout the afternoon, and our late evening Christmas at the Table services with Communion-there's a place for everyone to experience the hope and beauty of Christmas. Who will you be inviting this year?

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WINTER GTW

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you on Wednesday evenings at First Pres. Winter GTW begins January 14 with opportunities for kids, students, and adults to learn, connect, and grow.

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CHRISTMAS EVE ACCESSIBLE ENTRY

There are two accessible entry points. The drive-through-drop-off on Bijou Street is best for anyone needing the ramp, and our team will be ready to assist you there; your family can join after parking. You can also park in the south lot and follow signs to the south entrance, where you'll be guided to a waiting area with available tickets.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2025

Budgeted Contribution Income	\$7,800,000
Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 14	\$7,073,186
Remaining Balance to Reach 2025 Budget	\$726,814

Thank you for your generosity in prayer and financial commitment as we serve together in our mission of being Light + Life for the City!