



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M. // DECEMBER 10, 2023



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SING WE NOW // PASTOR TIM McCONNELL
WEEK TWO // “ZECHARIAH’S SONG”

**“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has
come to his people and redeemed them.”**

Luke 1:68

Find sermons from this series at firstprescos.org/watch

PRELUDE

Christmas Excursions - Joel Raney
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - arr. Duane Funderburk

INTROIT *Comfort You My People*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *I Wonder as I Wander* - arr. Duane Funderburk

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Gulati Family (Virendra, Sumeet, Nicole, Sakshee, Nishtha, Vidya)

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *The Promise* - Russel Naggy

SERMON

“Zechariah’s Song” John 1:67-80 Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Song of Zechariah*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head* - arr. Duane Funderburk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christmas Excursions - Joel Raney



NEW HERE? We know that going to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at First Pres a great one! We can't wait to meet you. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

The
Happenings

December 10, 2023



Find all upcoming events online.

**FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/
CALENDAR**

READ AHEAD! Next week Pastor Tim McConnell will preach on Luke 2:25-35.

COMMITMENT CARDS are still being accepted. Please drop in the offering plate or pledge at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/COMMITMENT.**

CROWN THE YEAR: We have done much together to further the ministry of First Pres and our partners. As we approach the end of the year, will you consider an extra gift that crowns this year? Envelopes available at the Welcome Center.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS also allow you to bless our ministry partners. Purchase at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SOMETHINGSIGNIFICANT.**

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE to borrow at home following a hospital stay. Call Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145 for Monday to Friday pickups and drop-offs.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Celebrate Jesus' birth at our 10 a.m. Family Service; Candlelight Services at 1, 3, 5 and 7:30 p.m.; and our 11 p.m. Communion Service. Learn more at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/ADVENT.**

MANY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! Are you ready to serve the Lord and help others feel welcome as they attend one of our six Christmas Eve worship services? Sign up at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SERVEONCHRISTMAS.**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS: We will be taking a break from Family Ministries Community Hour on December 24 and December 31 for the holidays. Kids from 1st-12th grade are encouraged to worship with their parents on these days. Nursery/K-space will continue to be open for kids from 0-6 years old.

SERVICE TIMES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE: On December 31, we'll have combined Sanctuary services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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 back of the Worship Center
- Email prayer@firstprescos.org

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

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

IN MEMORIAM

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

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Our parents & daughter-in-law

by Kathy Miranda & family

Jill Moran

by Corat Moran

Eunice Ehlert & John Swann, Jr.

by John & Cheri Swann & families

Oleta Edwards in honor of her birthday

by Bill & Virginia Harris, Mark, Holly & families

James Davis & Robert Lohse

by Jean Lohse, Cindy & Al Hanna & Scott Davis

John & Mary Ann Cary

by Nancy & Al Wermer & John Cary, Jr.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2022 (NUMBERS UPDATED IN WEEKLY)

2023 Budgeted Contribution Income.....	\$7,445,000
Actual Contribution Income through Nov. 26.....	\$6,284,328
Remaining Balance to Reach 2023 Budget.....	\$1,160,672

Stay informed and track our financial progress, by checking out the updated numbers in The Weekly.