



THE GREAT  
RESCUE



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
AT FIRST PRES**

Saturday, December 24, 2022  
1, 3, 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Services



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COLORADO SPRINGS

WELCOME TO

# CHRISTMAS EVE

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Christmas is a great time to celebrate with family and friends, with food and fun. Christmas is also God's plan to rescue His children. That's why He sent His Son Jesus into this world, to seek and to save the lost.

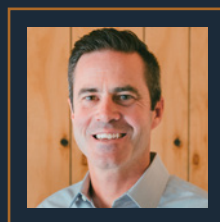
The birth of Jesus was not an accident, nor was it an afterthought. This was all part of a plan, a great plan of salvation. Jesus' birth is a light to all people, a light to people who have been sitting in darkness. The birth of Jesus is **The Great Rescue** plan of God.

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, we are so glad you chose to join us in worship, and we pray you find hope. Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,



**Tim McConnell**  
*Lead Pastor*



**“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”**

Isaiah 9:2

**PRELUDE** *Harp Sounds of the Season*  
*Fantasia on Greensleeves* - Ralph Vaughan Williams

**INTROIT** *Gloria* - Mark Hayes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Joy to the World!*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**SONG OF ADORATION + LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy Father, who sent Your one and only Son to bear the sin of the world and to bring life and light to the lost, we need Your gracious and forgiving love; we confess we have violated Your commandments by our thoughts, words and deeds, and we are without excuse. On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus to be forgiven, and pray that You would heal our wounds of shame, and still our wandering hearts, that we may serve You with glad obedience, to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** *For Unto Us a Child Is Born* - G. F. Handel

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:8-18

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER + THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *O Holy Night* - Adolphe Adam

**SERMON**

"The Birth" Isaiah 9:2-7 Tim McConnell

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven* - Getty

**CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY** *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

**PRAYER + BENEDICTION**

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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### CHRISTMAS DAY

- Worship Service: 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- No Adult Sunday Communities or Sunday School for kids and students
- Nursery available

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY

- Combined Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- No Adult Sunday Communities or Sunday School for kids and students
- Nursery available



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