



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M. // DECEMBER 17, 2023



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SING WE NOW // PASTOR TIM McCONNELL
WEEK THREE // “SIMEON’S SONG”

**“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.”**

Luke 2:29

Find sermons from this series at firstprescos.org/watch

PRELUDE

Noel Nouvelet (Sing We Now of Christmas) - arr. Phil Snedecor
We Three Kings - arr. Joel Raney

INTROIT *Sing We Now of Christmas*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Johnson Family (Rebecca, George, Sydney Bowman)

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King* - Robert Lau

SERMON

“Simeon’s Song” Luke 2:25-35 Tim McConnell

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *O Come all Ye Faithful* - arr. Joel Raney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

Nunc Dimittis - Louis Bourgeois/Claude Goudimel

POSTLUDE

Wexford Carol, arr. Phil Snedecor



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 17, 2023



Find all upcoming events online.

**FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/
CALENDAR**

READ AHEAD! Next week Pastor Tim McConnell will preach on Luke 2:4-14.

COMMITMENT CARDS are still being accepted. Please drop in the offering plate or pledge at [FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/COMMITMENT](https://firstprescos.org/commitment).

CROWN THE YEAR: As we approach the end of the year, will you consider an extra gift that crowns this year? Envelopes available at the Welcome Center.

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](https://firstprescos.org/Advent).

COOKIE CAMPAIGN: Join our Cookie Campaign for our Christmas Eve services – help us sweeten up the season with 4000 homemade treats. Drop off cookies ready to be frozen at the Welcome Center.

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](https://firstprescos.org/ServeOnChristmas).

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS: On December 24 and December 31, we will not have Sunday School for kids, students or adults. Please attend worship as a family!

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

GROWING TOGETHER WEDNESDAY: Join us January 10, for a variety of weekly classes for adults, kids and students. Grow friendships, and keep growing spiritually. Register at [FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GTW](https://firstprescos.org/GTW).

ALPHA: Invite a friend on January 18, for a meal and conversations about the basics of the Christian faith! Learn more and register at [FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TRYALPHA](https://firstprescos.org/TRYALPHA).

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

Mr. Wally Peterson
Memorial Central

Mrs. Carol Van Slooten
Memorial Central

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

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Dr. John H. Stevens
12/02/2023

Mr. John Swann
12/03/2023

Mrs. Esther Hill
10/07/2023

Mrs. Sigi Walker
05/16/2023

To see upcoming memorials, go to

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES](https://firstprescos.org/memorialservices)

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Ray Frank
by Linda Champlin Frank

Charles Alan Haley
by Margaret Haley Oliver

Paul & Evelyn Perkins and Carl & Blanche Swan
by Joan Perkins

My Parents
by Kathy Nelson

Doris Bouton
by Annie & Rob Foster

Bob Duke
by Jan Duke & family

Bob & Irene Burch and Jack & Norma Kleiver
by Dave & Kim Burch & family

Clyde Keith
by Lloyal, Aimee, John & Alan

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2023

2023 Budgeted Contribution Income.....	\$ 7,445,000
Actual Contribution Income through Nov. 26.....	\$ 6,701,045
Remaining Balance to Reach 2023 Budget.....	\$ 743,955

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