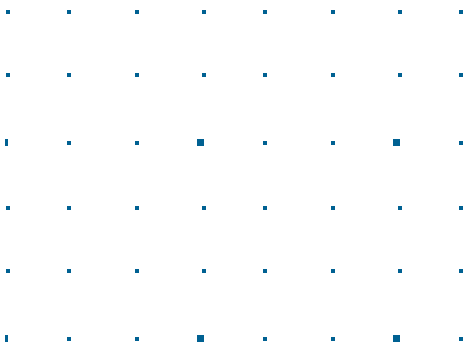




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
NOVEMBER 30, 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.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Come, Emmanuel + I Wonder as I Wander

Arranger: Don Gillis

Carillon on Forest Green

Steve Williams, conductor; Drew Pritchard and
Tim Baird, trumpet; Sarah Ford, horn;
Mark Burditt, trombone; Tyler Perea, Tuba;
Adam Haas, organ

Arranger: Charles E. Peery

INTROIT

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Forest

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 153

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION

Away in a Manger +

Worthy is Your Name

Jay Hahn, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Rachel West, vocalist

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Introduction of the Ackerman Family

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

CALL TO CONFESSION

We confess that we have wandered in the
shadows, forgetting the light You have given us.
We have searched for guidance in voices that
cannot lead us, and we have given more credence
to fears than faith in Your promises.

Forgive us, Lord, and turn our hearts again to the
Child You have sent—our Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of
Peace. Jesus, shine Your light upon Your people,
that we may walk in Your truth, rest in Your mercy,
and live as people of Your dawning kingdom.

RESPONSE

Emmanuel | No. 178

VIDEO | OVERCOMING WEARINESS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Composer: Gustav Holst

SERMON

In the Dark Streets

Isaiah 8:19-9:7

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | No. 154

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Promise

Composer: Russell Nagy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem | No. 180

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on I Saw Three Ships

Arranger: Charles E. Peery

**"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

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. John Goodale
will preach a message titled
Everlasting, from Isaiah 60:1-3, 18-22

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

Sign up for weekly emails to stay in the loop with everything happening at First Pres.



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You can also connect with us on your favorite social media platform:



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IN MEMORIAM:

Esther Dow

November 23, 2025

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Susie Jenkins

Penrose Main

Jerris Anderson

Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Ruth Blocki Kraemer-Young &
L.B. & Olga C. Delaba**

by Sandy & Dorothy Kraemer

John H. Stevens

by Tim, Courtney, Paige,
Heidi & Sommer

HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP

Our Holiday Blues workshop offers support for those who find the holidays difficult. Join us Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for a presentation by Chaplain Linda Boyles. Register online or call 719-884-6145.

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOLIDAYBLUES

The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.
[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://firstprescos.org/calendar)

CHRISTMAS JOY

Celebrate the season with *Christmas Joy!* at the Pikes Peak Center. Enjoy choirs, orchestra, and special guests Wayne Wilkinson and Alvy Powell. Join us on Dec. 14 at 1:30 or 4:30 p.m. Visit the link below to secure your tickets!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CHRISTMASJOY](https://firstprescos.org/christmasjoy)



SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Visit our page to browse this year's meaningful gift options. Each purchase blesses and supports our local and global partners! Visit our table in the plaza to learn more.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SOMETHINGSIGNIFICANT](https://firstprescos.org/somethingsignificant)



FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

Stop by First Pres on December 5 to experience a special exhibit from our own featured artists! This free community event runs 5-8 p.m. with new art, live music, and special activities across downtown. Come enjoy the creative energy—and be sure to stop by First Pres!

**FIRST
FRIDAY
DOWNTOWN**

MEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Save the date! Join us for the Men's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 13, featuring food, carols with the Brass Ensemble, and a message by Craig Glass. Tickets are \$20, available online and at First Pres throughout the week!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEN](https://firstprescos.org/men)



SERVE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

By giving a little of your time on Christmas Eve, you help First Pres create a warm, joy-filled experience for everyone who walks through our doors. We look forward to serving with you this Christmas!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CHRISTMASEVE](https://firstprescos.org/christmaseve)

