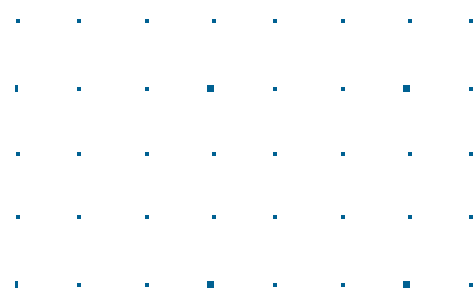




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
DECEMBER 28, 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

Carols of the Season

Marj Killick, organ

Arranger: Smith/Linker/Thiman

INTROIT

Angels We Have Heard On High

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Goeller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Greg Hartnett

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joy to the World! | No. 179

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF ADORATION

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly | No. 221

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord, You humbly entered this world to redeem and restore Your people, offering us abundant life. And yet, we often reject Your light, choosing instead to remain in darkness. We have been consumed by pride. We have loved ourselves but neglected our neighbors. We have pursued worthless idols. Forgive us Lord. By Your Spirit, open our hearts to receive You. Be born in us today so that we may be born anew. In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray.

RESPONSE

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing | No. 185

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dave Steane

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Hymn of Heaven

Chris Owenby, vocalist

Arranger: Phil Wickham

SERMON

He Is Our Light

Revelation 21:22-22:5

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 248

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

All is Well

Arrangers: Ronn Huff, Michael W. Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 180

CHARGE & BENECTION

POSTLUDE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Arranger: John Innes

**“The city does not need the sun
or the moon to shine on it, for
the glory of God gives it light,
and the Lamb is its lamp.”**

Revelation 21:23

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Ellen Dawson will conclude our Advent series with a message titled *We Belong to the Day*, from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

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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IN MEMORIAM:

Matt Wills

December 19, 2025

Mary Smith

December 20, 2025

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Kathy Hubbard

Memorial North

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

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Scott Newton

Monday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Bruce Kopper

Saturday, January 3 at 10:30 a.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to

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

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Lu Ann Peterson, Joseph & Doris
Gascoigne & Harry & Mildred Peterson**
by Wally Peterson & family

John & Betty Bass & Rachel & Tim Lyda
by John & Nancy Bass

James Henry Stevens
by Gail Stevens & families

The Happenings

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

CROWN THE YEAR

Keep an eye on your mailbox—our Crown the Year letter is on its way. This year-end tradition helps us reflect on how God has carried us through 2025 and invites us to step into 2026 with gratitude and generosity.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GIVE-NOW](https://firstprescos.org/GIVE-NOW)



WINTER GTW

Join us for a Night of Worship on January 7 in the Worship Center, then return as Winter GTW begins January 14 with opportunities for kids, students, and adults to learn, connect, and grow.

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



GRIEF WORKSHOP

The Winter Grief Workshop begins February 9, and offers a seven-week space for those who have lost a loved one or close friend to find support and learn practical tools for coping—you don't have to grieve alone.

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



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2025

Budgeted Contribution Income	\$7,800,000
Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 20	\$7,359,059
Remaining Balance to Reach 2025 Budget	\$440,941

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