

To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

Announcements

There will be a **Parents' Night Out planning meeting** after worship next **Sunday, Dec. 13th**, in the large conference room. We would like everyone who is signed up to help to please attend this important meeting. If you can't make it, please notify Pastor Mark.

It's time for the Butterfly Tree!



Be sure to stop at the BUTTERFLY TREE during the Fellowship hour in the parlor today! The tags on the tree identify the names, ages, and sizes of the children of current and some former guests of The Transformation Center (the Central WY Rescue Mission's shelter for women and children). This year, we also hope to add the children in the families of CWRM's Family Rescue Initiative program. Watch for new tags to be added during December if new families arrive at TTC. When you take a tag, record the child's name and your name on the clipboard by the tree, and then be blessed while shopping for your gifts! Some of the tags will also note much-needed items for TTC itself or for ALL the emergency shelter guests to use. Other tags will have items for the upstairs discipleship program guests that they can share.

Directions and sign-up sheets can be found on clipboards near the tree.

* By December 20th, please wrap and return your gifts to the tree in the parlor, attaching the Butterfly tag to the package. Do not put YOUR name on the gift or tag. Children will be told that the gifts are from their moms/grandmothers. Sorting and delivery of the gifts will take place on Sunday the 20th. If you would like to help sort gifts and deliver them to TTC on the 20th, please meet in the parlor after Worship that day!

Prayer Concerns

- ✚ Dominique Hennagin Dobson and her two children; our Prayer and Vision teams
- ✚ For our country and all her officers, our state and all her officers, and our local community and all her officers.
- ✚ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions
- ✚ For the EPC Presbytery of the West, specifically for *Rev. Bill Robertson and Clear Creek Neighborhood Church in Clear Creek County, CO*; our Elders and Deacons; Kenya's Chogoria South Presbytery, the four churches of the Kamwangu Nendini, and Pastor Mackylas; Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa's outreach to new Christians and to Muslims; our EPC missionaries and their families
**Each week we will focus our prayers on one specific church in the EPC Presbytery of the West.*
- ✚ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria, Jordan, Egypt and elsewhere

Upcoming Events for the week of December 6-13

TODAY

9:15 Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship
4:00 P.M. FINAL Elder/Deacon Training

Monday 7th

2:00 P.M. Parish Life

Tuesday 8th

4:15 P.M., 6:15 P.M.
Companions in Christ

Wednesday 9th

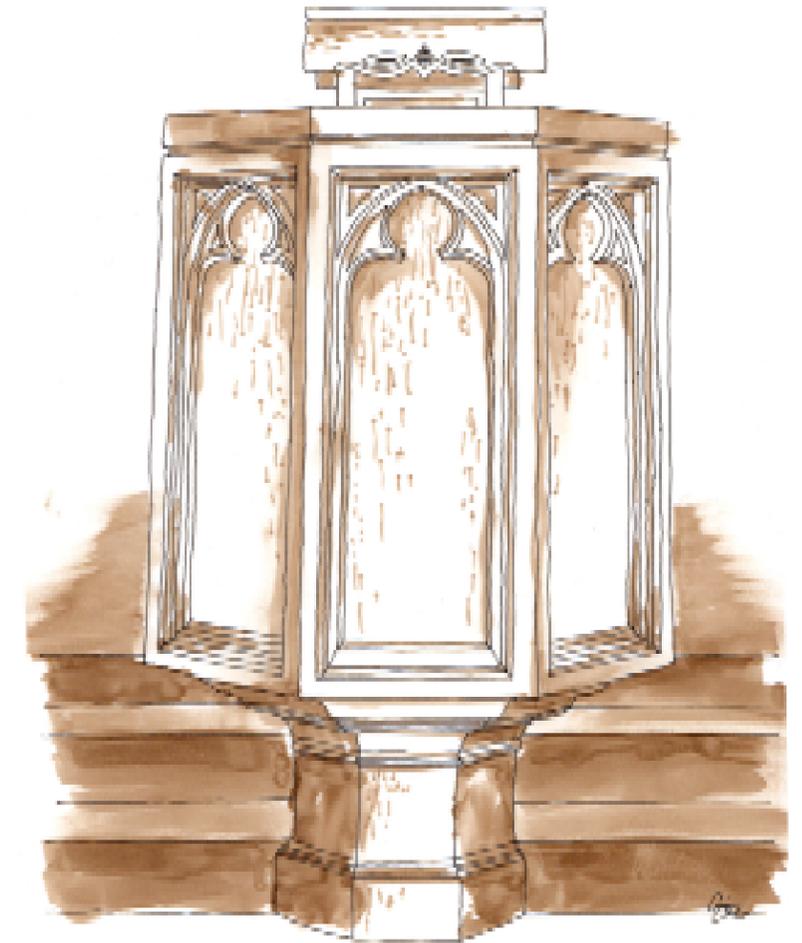
7 P.M. Choir

Next Sunday Dec. 13th

9:15 Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship
Christian Growth following worship

Old Testament Text: Micah 5:2-5
New Testament Text: Luke 1:39-56
Sermon: "A Response to Revelation"

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Order for the Worship of God
December 6, 2015
Communion
2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Invocation**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

Advent Wreath

***Opening Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #53

***Call to Worship** (responsively) from Isaiah 40:9-10

Leader: Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news.

People: Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news.

Leader: Lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

People: Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him.

Leader: Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

People: Let us worship the Lord with expectation.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God of the prophets, you have called us to glorify your name through our love for you and for one another. We confess that our praise is more on our lips than with our lives. We profess repentance while we resist change; we sing of love, but we curse our enemies; we pray your will be done, but insist on our own way. Have mercy upon us, Father, and cleanse and forgive our selfish ways. We ask this in the name of the one who is and was and is yet to come, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

~ Silent confession ~ Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** #735

Anthem *Adam Lay Ybounden* John Ireland

Old Testament Text

Isaiah 12:2-6
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 576, [Red] p. 733

New Testament Text

Luke 1:26-38
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 855, [Red] p. 1088

Sermon *A Model of Submission* Pastor Mark Tippin

***Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* #193

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Nicene Creed (in hymnal p. 846)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the Creation

For the Incarnation

For the Passion

For the Resurrection

For the Gift of the Spirit

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Giving of the Bread and Wine

The Prayer of Praise (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we give you immortal thanks and praise that upon us you have conferred so great a benefit as to bring us into the communion of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; whom having been delivered up to death for us, you have given for our food and nourishment unto eternal life.

Now grant us grace that we may never be unmindful of these things, but rather shall carry them engraven upon our hearts, that we may advance and grow in that faith which is effectual unto every good work. Thus may the rest of our lives be ordered and followed out to your glory and to the edification of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns in unity, one God, world without end. Amen

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Intercession

For the Church

For the Ministry

For the Nation

For all People

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #334

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

***Doxology** #731

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #529

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Organist	Mark Mehn
Advent Wreath	The Michenzi Family
Liturgist	Henry Groenberg
Head Usher	MH Hennagin
Greeter	Grace Ward
Communion Servers	Henry Groenberg, Tim Schenk, Heidi Walker, Mike Fankhauser
Nursery	Nita Christensen, Jane Drake

Information

- † Please call the church office (237-9509) ...
If you or a member of your family would like a visit while recuperating in the hospital or at home.
If you have a prayer concern.
- † Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2015 (above and beyond your pledge)

Our Mission Statement

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship Him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.