



**New Year's Day
January 1, 2023**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montrose, CO

We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship, grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.

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9:30 a.m.

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Meditation

How is the Divine related to the human? How does the omnipotent deal with the vulnerable? What is the relationship of the Creator with the created? How does the infinite interact with the finite? The Gospel birth narratives—all three of them—give a startling answer. Here's how John puts it: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." —*Spacious Faith*

Prelude Music/All of Advent Candles Lit

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

The Sound of a Bell, a Moment of Silence

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship*

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them Light has shined.

Leader: Everything was created through Jesus; nothing—not one thing—came into being without him.

All: What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. Come, let us

*Rise if you are able.

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worship the God whose Light brings hope to a weary world.

Songs of Worship*

Here I am to Worship

Emmanuel

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession

(In Unison-MDPC, Houston TX)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess we have not welcomed your light or trusted your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Jesus Christ the Lord. Through Him, we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Through the abundance of God's mercy and forgiving love, you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, and to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace. Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. At these times we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and receive the words in turn, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. (Col. 1:20-21).

Offering

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

K through 3rd graders are free to head back to Kids Connection.

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Sermon Text

John 1: 1-14

Message

God Moved Into Our Neighborhood

Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending*

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Life in the Body (Announcements)

Blessing and Benediction*

Postlude

Life in the Body (Announcements)

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about us, please feel free to fill out a welcome card found on the table at the main door to the sanctuary. You can place the completed card in the basket when you are done.
- Please remember to have your pledge cards turned in to the office by Dec. 31.
- On Jan. 8, please plan to stay immediately after the service as there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of presenting the 2023 church budget.
- Please note that Communion Sunday will not be on Jan. 1 as usual, but will be moved to Sunday, Jan. 8.
- If you donated a poinsettia and would like to take it home with you, please do so, as we will rehome any that are left after today.
- If you would like to see what other events or Bible Studies are taking place in our church body, you can find more information by going to: <https://fpcmontrose.churchcenter.com/calendar> or by picking up a copy in the foyer.

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