



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF
WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
AUGUST 24, 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Steve Kindermann, trumpet;

Dr. Adam Haas, piano

Arranger: Dan Marvin

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 106

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION

Shout to the Lord

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Elisa Wicks, violin;

Vonda Barnhart, vocalist

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive our sin, Lord: what we have left undone, and what we have done; our sins which we never meant to commit and our more deliberate sins; the sins we know and remember and the sins we have forgotten; the sins we strive to hide from others and the sins which are obvious to all. Please forgive them, Lord, and raise us up again through Your grace and forgiveness. Amen.

RESPONSE

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Arranger: Mark Hayes

SERMON

Find your People

1 Thessalonians 1:8-2:6

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Breathe On Me Breath of God

No. 461

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Introduction

And the Father Will Dance

Composer: Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

No. 544

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Alleluia

Composer: Dan Miller

“On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Matt Holtzman will preach a message titled *Find Your Place*, from 1 Thessalonians 2:7-13.

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. Choose what emails you'd like to receive and subscribe to our bi-weekly podcast at **[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUBSCRIBE](https://firstprescos.org/subscribe)**

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



@firstprescos

NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK!

To see upcoming memorials, go to **[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES](https://firstprescos.org/memorialservices)**

IN MEMORIAM:

Karen Hill

May 22, 2025

Joan Pruitt

August 14, 2025

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Jim Fraker

Memorial Central

Marie Hayward

Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Cal Weiser & Warren Lemp

by Richard & Carolyn Lemp

Dr. William Simon

by Dee Simon & family

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join us for a seven-week workshop, September 8 to October 20, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Learn tools to cope and find support—you don't have to grieve alone.

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

The Happenings

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

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

Join us for an All-Church Picnic on Wednesday, August 27 from 5:30–8 p.m. in the Worship Center! Enjoy pulled pork, chicken, and all the fixings, plus bounce houses in the south lot and a chance to connect in the Plaza. Fun for all ages—don't miss it!



MARRIAGE RETREAT

You're Invited! Join us Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 2025 for a Marriage Retreat in Estes Park — a peaceful, spirit-filled weekend to renew your bond, refresh your faith, and reconnect with joy!

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



FIND YOUR PEOPLE!

Discover the Sunday Community that's right for you! Visit our Open Houses today on the 2nd and 4th floors, or stop by the plaza table or welcome desk to learn more about our offerings and how you can connect.

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



GROWING TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS

GTW returns on September 3, and we're excited to kick off another season of learning, connection, and community for all ages. Visit our website to explore the schedule of classes and find a place to grow this fall!

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



ALPHA

Alpha is a space to unpack the basics of the Christian faith together. No pressure. No judgement. Just open conversation over some good food. That's it. Come along, see what you think.

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

