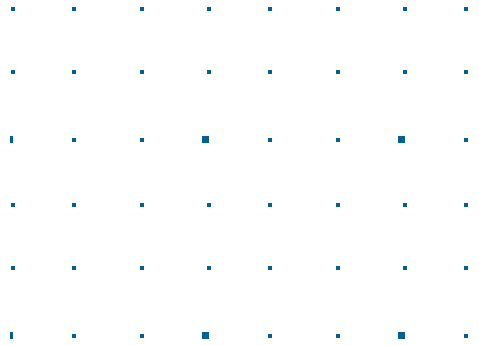




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
AUGUST 23, 2026

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! 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 **Belong Hub** in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rejouissance

Composer: James Curnow

Steve Kindermann and Tim Baird, trumpet;
Sarah Ford, horn; Mark Burditt, trombone;
Tyler Perea, tuba; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Dr. Adam Haas, organ;
Steve Williams, conductor

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord!

Composer: Jim DeJarnette

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 71

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

SONG OF ADORATION

Shout to the Lord

Andy Burtschi, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always honor the leaders You have placed in our lives. We are quick to criticize, slow to pray, and reluctant to show respect. Forgive us when our words and attitudes sow division instead of peace. By Your Spirit, teach us to honor those who lead with integrity and move our hearts to pray faithfully for all who bear the responsibility of leadership. We pray all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

Grace Flows Down

Rachel West, vocalist

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan (8:30)

Suzanne Gradin (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

To Thee We Sing

Composer: Chris Owenby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

No. 502

ELDER SCRIPTURE READING

Bill Rhea, Elder

SERMON

Honor is Due

Romans 13:1-7 (*pg. 1725*)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

CLOSING SONG

Holy Forever

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Arranger: Paul Manz and Jonathan Crutchfield

“Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.”

Romans 13:7

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *The Rule of Love*, from Romans 13:8-14.

TEXT TO GIVE:

Giving is easy! Simply text “Give” to 719-297-2232 and you’ll receive a link with quick instructions to get started.

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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NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK.

To view upcoming memorials, visit firstprescos.org/memorialservices

IN MEMORIAM:

Reba Evans - August 16, 2026

Claudia Mitchell - August 17, 2026

Charlotte Hughes - August 17, 2026

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Judith Lee - Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. William Simon

By Dee Simon & family

Cal Weiser & Warren Lemp

By Richard & Carolyn Lemp

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

MILITARY MUSTER

Join us for Military Muster on Thursday, August 27, at 10 a.m. Vern Swim will share about his Honor Flight experience in Washington, D.C., alongside Oscar Vaughn, president of the Honor Flight of Southern Colorado. Come learn how veterans can participate and how others can volunteer. Coffee, donuts and other goodies will be served, so bring a friend!

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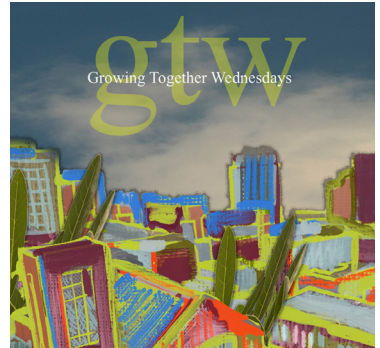
The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.
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GTW KICKOFF

Mark your calendars! Growing Together Wednesdays returns September 2. No matter where you are on your faith journey, you'll find a place to connect, grow and deepen your faith on Wednesday evenings at First Pres. With meaningful opportunities for adults, kids and students, there's something for everyone. Come enjoy a great meal, build lasting friendships and grow together as a church family!

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CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Bring the whole family and join us for our Churchwide Picnic on August 26 from 5:30–8 p.m.! This special evening will bring every generation of our church family together for delicious food, meaningful fellowship and plenty of fun. Come connect with familiar faces, meet someone new and enjoy a wonderful evening as one church family.



FALL GRIEF WORKSHOP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? You don't have to walk alone. Find healing and wholeness from a Christian perspective at our Grief Workshop, September 14–October 26, 2026, Mondays from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Please arrive early the first night to check in and receive your materials.

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ALPHA

Beginning Thursday September 17, explore the Christian faith and your own spirituality at Alpha. It's a chance to explore and question the meaning of life, to discuss the "big stuff", share insights, and enjoy a meal with other attendees. It's fun, relaxed, and free. Registration is now open.

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MEN'S GOLF CLASSIC

Join us Monday, September 14, 2026 for the 25th Annual Men's Golf Classic at King's Deer Golf Club! Your \$80 registration includes a four-man scramble, cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Purchase three mulligans for \$5 to support Springs Rescue Mission.

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