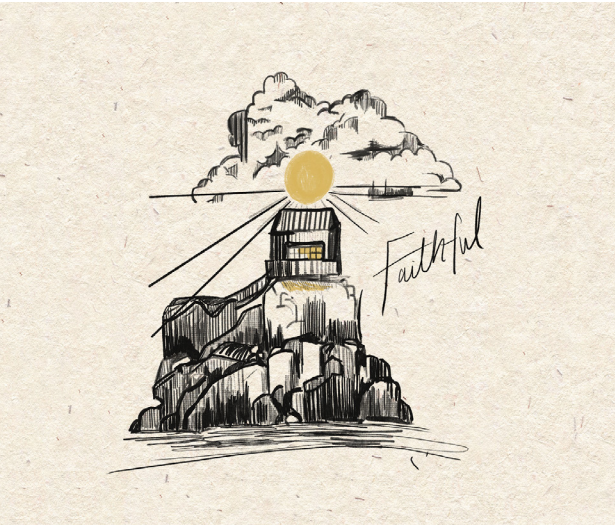




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
NOVEMBER 23, 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

How Great Thou Art

Veronika Afanassieva and Elisa Wicks, violin;
Matthew Diekman, viola; Angela Marvin, cello;
Adam Haas, piano
Arranger: Duane Funderburk

INTROIT

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come No. 721

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF ADORATION

We Gather Together No. 81

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, in Your mercy You have gathered us together as one people, but we confess that too often we find our fellowship fractured. We nurse grudges, we put ourselves first, we relish the poison of gossip. Quick to criticize and slow to praise, we treat Your church as if we were in charge rather than You. Forgive us our evils, Master, and make us imitators of Your own grace and goodness, that we may build up and not tear down that which is precious in Your sight. For the sake of Your honor, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

Now Thank We All Our God No. 14

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Arrangers: Frank and Marie Pooler

SERMON

The Truth Prevails

3 John 1:9-14

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus Shall Reign No. 341

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Arranger: Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness No. 72

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arranger: Kevin Uppercue

**“Dear friend, do not imitate what
is evil but what is good. Anyone
who does what is good is from God.
Anyone who does what is evil has
not seen God”**

3 John 1:11

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will kick off our Advent series, *Everlasting Light*, with a message titled *In the Dark Streets*, from Isaiah 8:19-9:7.

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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IN MEMORIAM:

Bruce Kopper

November 13

Jim Fraker

November 14

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Bruce Buell

by Joan, Alan, Sue Buell & Bonnie Iten

Ron Grand

by Audrey, our children & families

Chuck, Judy & Jim Norman

by Mary Norman

Minor Nelson

by Robby Dale Nelson & family

Ken & Carolyn Barber

by Nancy Barber Landers

Agnes Bibler

by Bill & Trish Bibler

COMMUNION AT HOME

Home communion visits help keep those unable to attend worship connected. Our next date is December 7. If you or someone you know would benefit, contact your deacon or reach out to Caring Ministries at (719) 884-6145 or deaconoffice@firstprescos.org.

The Happenings

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

CHRISTMAS JOY

Celebrate the season with *Christmas Joy!* at the Pikes Peak Center. Enjoy choirs, orchestra, and special guests Wayne Wilkinson and Alvy Powell. Join us on Dec. 14 at 1:30 or 4:30 p.m. Visit the link below to secure your tickets!

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



SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Visit our page to browse this year's meaningful gift options. Each purchase blesses and supports our local and global partners! Visit our table in the plaza to learn more.

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



HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP

Our Holiday Blues workshop offers support for those who find the holidays difficult. Join us Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30–8:30 p.m., for a presentation by Chaplain Linda Boyles. Register online or call 719-884-6145.

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



MEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Save the date! Join us for the Men's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 13, featuring food, carols with the Brass Ensemble, and a message by Craig Glass. Tickets are \$20, available online Nov. 10 and in the Plaza starting Nov. 16.

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



SERVE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

By giving a little of your time on Christmas Eve, you help First Pres create a warm, joy-filled experience for everyone who walks through our doors. We look forward to serving with you this Christmas!

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