



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SANCTUARY

TODAY'S SERMON

IN THE STRUGGLE TOGETHER

Life Together

OCTOBER 25, 2026

▪ ROMANS 15:30-33

▪ LIGHT + LIFE *for* THE CITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

I. Allegro;
from Concerto
for Oboe and Violin, BWV 1060R
Composer: J.S. Bach
Monica Ding, oboe; Elisa Wicks, violin

INTROIT

VIII. Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn;
from Cantata
“Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott”
Composer: J.S. Bach
Chris Owenby, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • No. 507

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

SONG OF ADORATION

In Christ Alone, stanza 1
Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Rachel West, vocalist

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess that we often rely on our own strength, carry our burdens alone, and forget that You have joined us together as one body. We fail to pray for one another, hesitate to ask for help, and withhold the compassion You have so freely shown us. Father, forgive us. Teach us to depend on You, to bear one another's burdens, and to receive one another's care with humility and grace. By Your Spirit, unite us in love and help us to follow You faithfully, struggling together in faith. Amen.

RESPONSE

In Christ Alone, stanza 4

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Dr. Pat Hartsock (8:30)
Chaplain Linda Boyles (10:15)

V. Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel wär;
from Cantata
“Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott”
Composer: J.S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision • No. 502

SCRIPTURE READING

John Moe, Elder

SERMON

IN THE STRUGGLE TOGETHER

Romans 15:30-33 (pg. 1729)
Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

COMMITMENT CARD MOMENT

II. Adagio; from Concerto
for Oboe and Violin
Composer: J.S. Bach

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! • No. 342

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

III. Allegro;
from Concerto for Oboe and Violin
Composer: J.S. Bach

Belong
AT FIRST PRES

We would love to meet you. Whether you are looking for community, a place to serve, or answers to questions about faith, someone is waiting to walk with you. Stop by the BELONG HUB in the Plaza after the service.

THE WORD FOR TODAY

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."

ROMANS 15:30

TODAY: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Please hold your commitment cards until you're invited to bring them forward. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and partnership in what God is doing through First Pres.

NEXT WEEK: NEW SERIES!

Our new series, *In the Company of Friends*, begins next week! Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell kicks things off with *Of Women and Men*, exploring Romans 16:1-7. Read the passage ahead of Sunday and come ready to worship and learn together!

CARE

NO ONE HURTS ALONE

FLOWER FUND, IN MEMORY OF:

Terry Dionisio

By Joe Dionisio

Dallas Dickinson

By Joanne Dickinson & family

Leola Stoppenhagen

By Myra McCoy & family

Marcia Genrich

By John, Karen, Toby, Allison, Peter & Jay Genrich

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Scott Blackmun

Memorial Central

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you need medical equipment at home following your hospital stay, we have many items that you're welcome to borrow. We ask that items be requested at least a day or two before pick-up or drop-off, Monday to Friday only. Call Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145.

NEED PRAYER?

Find a Prayer Team member wearing a red lanyard,
Or email your request to prayer@firstprescos.org

STAY IN THE LOOP

Join the weekly email at firstprescos.org/subscribe ·
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GIVE

Text "Give" to 719-297-2232
and follow the link,
Or give online at firstprescos.org/give

COMING UP AT FIRST PRES

FIND EVERY EVENT ONLINE
[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://firstprescos.org/calendar)



TODAY

Stewardship Sunday

Today, we celebrate what God is doing through First Pres and prayerfully consider how He is calling us to be part of His work in 2027. Together, our generosity brings the light and life of Christ to our city and beyond, making an eternal impact for His Kingdom.

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



ONGOING

Keep Your Profile Up to Date!

Keep your First Pres profile up to date! Take a moment to review your contact information and family details so we can stay connected.

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



DEC 13 | 1:30 + 4:30 PM

Christmas Joy

Celebrate Christmas with First Pres at the Pikes Peak Center! Save 15% on tickets with code JOY26 and bring your family and friends!

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



NOV 1 | 12:30 PM

First Pres Forward Update

Join us in the Worship Center for an update on First Pres Forward. Hear how our vision is taking shape and what's ahead as we move forward together in our mission.

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

Veterans Day

Join us November 11, for our Veterans Recognition Program featuring retired Army Colonel Lorie Brown, an Army nurse on duty at the Pentagon on 9/11. Come hear her remarkable story in person!

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

Holiday Blues Workshop

The holidays can bring joy, but grief, loss, and life's challenges can make this season difficult. Join us for the Help for the Holiday Blues Workshop on November 23, to discover practical ways to cope and find joy again.

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