



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
MARCH 22, 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! 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Arrangers: Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

Jaron Klassen, piano; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT

Behold the Lamb of God

Composer: G.F. Handel

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him

No. 17

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF ADORATION

Fairest Lord Jesus/King of All Glory

arr. Matt Holtzman, Chris Cullins

CALL TO CONFESSION + COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We too often follow the desires of our hearts rather than living according to Your desires. Our words and actions hurt others as well as ourselves, and grieve You. And we confess that much of the time we care little about these things. Loving God, please meet our sin with Your great mercy. Restore us to close relationship with You. Make us Your holy people, as only You can. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 261

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

A Hymn to God the Father

Composer: John Ness Beck

Text by John Donne

SERMON

Christ Died for Us

Romans 5:1-11 (*pg. 1713*)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Rock of Ages | No. 384

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

What Wondrous Love Is This

Arranger: Laura Harvey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

In Christ Alone

Vocalist: Rachel West

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Arrangers: Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *One Man*, from Romans 5:12-21

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:

Marjorie Ferrin

March 5, 2026

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Judith Anderson

By Stephen Anderson, Steve & Kelli Anderson Jr.

Stefanie Juliet Cuddeback

By Mom & Dad

Kevin Diffie

By Bill & Trish Bibler

Daniel Jean

By Evelyne Jean

MILITARY MUSTER

Come join us for our Military Muster on Thursday, March 26 at 10 AM at First Pres. Our guest speaker is Col (Ret) Skip Morgan, USAF. Skip will be talking about wills and trusts. This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered. Please bring your spouse so you can learn together.

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MILITARY

SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

Share the Joy of Easter honors the memory of a loved one through a gift to the Deacons' Fund. Contributions provide Easter plants to grieving members of our congregation and our Special Care Friends, with honorees listed in the Easter Sanctuary bulletin. Cards are available at the welcome desk or by visiting our website.

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The Happenings

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

INVITE SOMEONE TO EASTER SERVICE

Easter is a wonderful opportunity to invite someone into the hope and joy of the resurrection. Who could you bring with you this year? Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the risen Christ with beautiful worship, powerful Scripture, and joyful music. Services include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Sanctuary worship at 8, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m., and a Worship Center service at 10:30 a.m.

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



CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL

Join us today at 12:30 p.m. in the Worship Center for a congregational town hall to review proposed revisions to the First Pres Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Attorney Frank Sommerville, a nationally recognized expert in church law and tax matters, will help guide the discussion. The meeting will conclude around 1:30 p.m.



ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

Join us for our Organ Dedication Concert on March 29 at 3 p.m. as we celebrate this beautiful addition to our worship life. Come enjoy an afternoon of inspiring music in the Sanctuary. No tickets or registration are required. Invite a friend and come experience it together!

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



40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Join our church family for 40 Days in a Spirit of Prayer, April 15–May 24. Together we will seek the Lord through prayer, fasting, and times of gathering as we pray for our church, our city, and our world. Visit our webpage to learn more and sign up for daily prayer prompts.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/PRAYER40](https://firstprescos.org/prayer40)



BAPTISM SERVICE

If you have recently come to faith in Jesus and would like to be baptized, or wish to celebrate your baptism with a public immersion, please sign up to speak with a pastor and join us for the Baptism Service on April 12 at 1 p.m.

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

