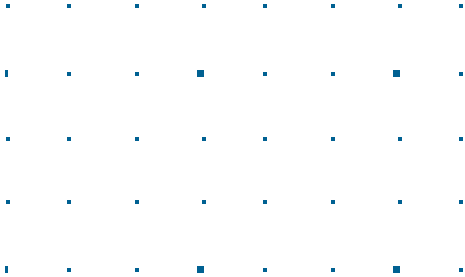




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
JUNE 8, 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.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYER // TIM McCONNELL // "IN THE BATTLE"

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace*

Arranger: Duane Funderburk; Dr. Adam Haas, piano; Elisa Wicks, violin

INTROIT *Praise the Everlasting King*

Arranger: Duane Funderburk; Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 82, *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION No. 43, *Majesty*

Jason Crowe, bass; Aaron Turner, percussion; Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Thomas Dawson, organ

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Almighty, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We choose self-reliance instead of trust. We act out of fear instead of faith. We ignore the powers and principalities that are at work. Lord, forgive us for not believing in the Holy Spirit's power and in the ways You have equipped us for our daily living. Help us to clearly see the battle at hand so that we may pray in the Spirit at all times. Amen.

RESPONSE No. 66, *To God Be the Glory*

APOSTLES' CREED Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Spirit Sing*

Composer: Joseph Martin

SERMON

"In the Battle" // Ephesians 6:10-20 (pg. 1781)* // Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Vonda Barnhart, vocalist

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Come, Thou Fount*

Arranger: Dan Marvin; Steve Williams, conductor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN No. 507, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Composer: Beethoven Arranger: Tim Zimmerman

*Pew Bible (If you'd like to take a Bible home, please visit the Welcome Center.)

**"For our struggle is not
against flesh and blood, but
against the rulers, against
the authorities, against the
powers of this dark world and
against the spiritual forces of
evil in the heavenly realms."**

Ephesians 6:12

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will kick off our new series *In the Face of Jesus* with a message titled "There Is Love," from Luke 7:11-17.

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

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MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Craig (Napier) Merket

Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to
FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES

IN MEMORIAM:

Maureen Nelson - 5/29/2025

Bill Bennett - 5/29/2025

John Hood - 5/31/2025

Herald Walton - 6/2/2025

Janet Berridge - 6/4/2025

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Linda Weber - Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Pete Keller

by Gubser and Keller families

Nelson & Roberta Haley

by Charles & Margaret Haley-Oliver

Larry Furda, Ellis & Geri Furda

by the Furda family

Stephannie Fortune

by Kent Fortune

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

Medical Equipment is available to borrow at home following a hospital stay. Please contact Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145 to schedule a Monday to Friday pick-up or drop-off!

The Happenings

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

SERVE AT VBS!

Vacation Bible School kicks off on Monday, July 14, 2025, and we need your help to make it an unforgettable week for our kids! Whether you enjoy leading games, helping with crafts, sharing Bible stories, or simply lending a hand, there's a place for you on the team. No experience necessary—just a heart to serve and a willingness to jump in. Visit our webpage to learn more!

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



ELDER + DEACON NOMINATIONS

Deacon and Elder nominations are now open! If you know someone who would be a great fit for these roles, nomination forms are available at the Welcome Desk or online. Stop by or visit our website to pick one up and be part of shaping our church leadership.

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



MEN'S BBQ

Join us Friday, June 20, from 6–8:30 p.m. on the Weber Street lawn for BBQ on the Lawn! Enjoy great food, music, and fellowship—plus a climbing wall for the kids. Dads, bring your sons! All ages welcome. Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/child (17 & under). Food and drinks provided!

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



OF THEE I SING

Join us June 29 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a patriotic concert celebrating faith, freedom, and heroes. Featuring First Pres Sanctuary Choir, Big Blue, The Swing Connection Big Band, guest organist Rod Gorby. Tickets are available for purchase online or in the Commons for \$10!

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



LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS THIS WEEK!

We're excited to kick off the transformation of the Library into a fresh, inviting space called The Landing. Designed to be a vibrant hub for connection and movement during our Sunday experiences, The Landing will enhance how we gather and engage. Thank you for your patience and support as we bring this new vision to life!