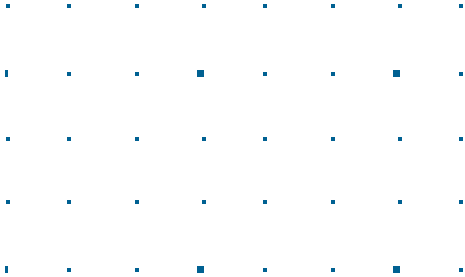




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
MAY 18, 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 // "HE IS ABLE"

PRELUDE *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

Arranger: Frederick Frahm; Dr. Adam Haas, organist

INTROIT *God Is Able*

Arranger: Cymbala; Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Michael Thornton

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 317, *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION No. 51, *How Great Thou Art*

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion; Wayne Wilkinson, guitar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, how great You are. Your glory reaches to the heavens. Your power is able to do more than we can ask or imagine. Why do we hold back our highest prayers from You? Why do we shrink from Your presence? We confess we hold back from You because at times we are ashamed of our sin and weak in our faith. Forgive us, God, for sinning against You. Forgive us, God, when we stunt our imagination in what You might do next to glorify Your name. Holy Father, wash us once again this day with Your cleansing word of grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

RESPONSE *Goodness of God*

APOSTLES' CREED

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Total Praise*

Arranger: Bradley Knight

SERMON

"He is Able" // Ephesians 3:14-21 // Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 31, *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

INTRODUCTION + EXPLANATION OF OFFERING Rev. Matt Holtzman

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *I Love the Lord*

Arranger: Bradley Knight

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 411, *How Firm a Foundation*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata in G major*

Composer: Theodore Dubois

**“I pray that out of his glorious
riches he may strengthen
you with power through his
Spirit in your inner being”**

Ephesians 3:16

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Ellen Dawson will preach a message titled *One in the Spirit*, from Ephesians 4:1-16.

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

Ralph Gaeke

Monday, May 19 at 2 p.m.

Dwight Johnson

Friday, May 23 at 12 p.m.

Jean Smith

Saturday, May 24 at 11 a.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Gaeke

5/6/2025

Ellen Broughton

5/9/2025

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Alice & Irv Clair

by Nancy C. Bauman

Heather Werner & Corrie Dunkerton

by Ralph & Robin Gates

MILITARY MUSTER:

Our next Military Muster will be Thursday May 22 at 10 a.m. Chaplain Raymond Pettit will speak about Veteran Suicide Programs and how we can help. All are welcome! Learn more at firstprescos.org/military

The Happenings

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

LIGHT + LIFE EXCURSIONS

Join us on Saturday, May 24th at 10 a.m. for a behind-the-scenes tour of Hope & Home, Colorado's only community-based foster home. You'll gain a firsthand look at how they're changing lives through compassion, care, and community. Hear powerful stories of hope and resilience, learn about their mission, and discover meaningful ways to support or get involved.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MISSION-ENGAGEMENT](https://firstprescos.org/MISSION-ENGAGEMENT)



PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year at First Pres Preschool is now open! If you or someone you know is looking for a Christ-centered, nurturing start to your child's education, now's the time to sign up and secure your spot!

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



WOMENS SUMMER EVENTS

Women's Life at First Pres seeks to embolden women and foster connection in Christ's love. Visit our website to discover upcoming events and opportunities to grow in faith and community!

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



2025 WALK FOR LIFE

Join over 2,000 people on Saturday, June 7th for the Walk for Life, a 2-mile walk and 5K fun run supporting Life Network's ministry. This family-friendly event is a great way to get your kids involved in protecting the sanctity of life! Register at WALKFORLIFE.COM

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2025

Budgeted Contribution Income through April 30, 2025	\$2,449,333
Actual Contribution Income through April 30, 2025	\$2,361,247
Difference (we are currently below budget)	-\$88,086

Thank you for your generosity in prayer and financial commitment as we serve together in our mission of being Light + Life for the City!