



MY  
PART  
SUNDAY

FIRST PRES

# Serve Teams Guidebook

2022



God of Glory  
Majesty

## **Church doesn't work until every part does its part.**

You might think church just happens with the snap of your fingers, but it's a little more complicated than that. God wants us all involved. When every person's gifts are activated, this mission takes off in strength. So, we are inviting you to be a part of something bigger.

On June 5, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birth of the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples who were then sent out on mission in power. The church was born. Here at First Pres we call it My Part Sunday.

Every Sunday we get to be a part of God's mission. We come together to worship well and live for God so we can be God's people wherever we are sent.

But where can I serve the church? Use this book as a guide to help you find your place of service and start a conversation for the coming year.

**The Body of Christ is at its best when everyone is playing their part. Church is not something we sit and consume, but something we are and contribute to together.**





Please carve out time to pray about where the Lord is calling you to serve for this upcoming year. Wherever you are in the discernment process, you can start a conversation with our staff anytime. We can't wait to hear about the passion the Lord has put into your heart to use your gifts for His Kingdom in this city and around the world.

So, are you ready to be part of something bigger?  
Are you ready to find your place? This is the year to do your part!



Yours in Christ,

**Tim McConnell**  
LEAD PASTOR

*From him the whole body, joined and held  
together by every supporting ligament,  
grows and builds itself up in love,  
as each part does its work.*

**Ephesians 4:16**

Look for the  
**My Part Card**  
on My Part Sunday,  
June 5!



Like a body, church  
works best when every  
part is doing its part.

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# KIDS + STUDENTS

First Pres Family Ministries exists to connect kids and students and their families with caring adult leaders who walk alongside them as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.





# Nursery + Get Set Preschool

These ministries care for the young in our congregation in conjunction with worship services, discipleship gatherings, and a week-long preschool experience. Get Set is for families who qualify financially or who are experiencing difficult circumstances.

## **NURSERY CAREGIVER**

Caregivers delight in rocking babies and playing with little ones while facilitating a comfortable and safe Nursery setting on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

## **GET SET COOKS**

We serve each child a hot lunch every day. A team of cooks ensure we can serve food Monday through Friday to these students.

## **GET SET CLASSROOM HELPERS**

These helpers assist in creating a high-quality learning environment by serving as teachers' aides throughout the morning or by dropping-in to lead story time for children.

# Kids

First Pres Children's Ministry is with you and for you as you raise kids in the faith. We create exciting and fun experiences each week to help kids grow in faith individually, in community and as a family!

## MINISTRY TEAM

These people assist with the "up front" program on Sundays and Wednesdays by joining in goofy skits, acting out Bible stories, leading in worship or serving with tech.

## CORE GROUP LEADER

These adults offer a consistent and familiar face to children in our care. They serve as trustworthy influences for our kids as they support their lives and their faith journeys.

## GROUP ASSISTANTS

These people aid our Core Group leaders by helping lead discussions as well as other small group activities.

# Students

We are committed to knowing, caring for and supporting students in our congregation and community. We long to see teenagers come to know Jesus, grow in their capacity to follow Him and carry their faith beyond adolescence. This team enters into unique life stages to support this work.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP LEADER

These leaders create space for students to ask big questions, form deep relationships and develop their own faith. These adults join students in games, activities and small group discussion every week.



## **HIGH SCHOOL GROUP LEADER**

These leaders support high school students as they grow in their understanding of how to follow Jesus as a teenager. This is done on a consistent basis through games, Bible study, small groups and a lot of laughter!

## **SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEER**

Student Ministries hosts events, camps and service projects throughout the year. This team helps in a variety of ways including event planning, driving vans, helping with meals, other event logistics, etc.

# **College + Young Adults**

Young Adult Ministry seeks to help people navigate their 20s as they grow in their relationship with Christ and develop Christ-centered community.

## **YOUNG LIFE COLLEGE**

Young Life College is a mission partner working on campuses throughout our city. This ministry activates volunteers as group leaders, mentors, prayer team and committee members.

## **MENTORS AND PRAYER WARRIORS**

Young adults are hungry for older and wiser people to listen to, pray for and walk with them as they enter adulthood. Mentors serve as champions for people in this life stage!



# CARING MINISTRIES

Our daily pursuit is to be a church where **no one hurts alone**. We strive to ensure that each person at First Pres can receive the care they need and that no one is forgotten at a time of crisis. This is achieved through various events, prayer, and in support groups and other relationships.



# Relational Outreach

In addition to support groups active on our campus, there are other spaces where we minister to those whom God has entrusted to our care. These represent some of the ways people can get involved in these efforts.

## SENIOR FACILITY VISITATION TEAM

We have congregants in senior facilities all over the city. This team sends visitors to those facilities on a rotating basis. Some of these facilities even have worship services and offer communion services that we support.

## STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers train extensively to assist others through difficult seasons by providing one-on-one encouragement one hour a week.

## MILITARY MINISTRY

This team serves veterans and active-duty military at First Pres and in the community. We sponsor a monthly “Vets Talk” for this group and engage in local ministry efforts.

## HEALTH CABINET

People in all areas of the medical field work to plan programs and other Wednesday night classes that will benefit the church.

# Events

Throughout the year, there are numerous events and ongoing administrative work which support Caring Ministries' efforts.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE HOSTS**

This team serves mourning families by hosting service attendees and assisting with other duties around the services.

## **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

Office team members assist First Pres' ministry of care by answering phones, coordinating ministry details, and other administrative roles.

## **EVENTS TEAM**

These team members assist in coordinating the Candlelight Memorial Service and Help for the Holiday Blues workshop, as well as other ministry offerings that arise.

## **COOKIE BAKERS**

These individuals serve the church by providing snacks for bereavements or other events. The Caring Ministries office notifies this team of needs as they arise.

# Care Team

Prayer is at the center of our ministry efforts. These requests come in through various channels and we have teams that ensure prayer needs are brought to the Lord in prayer.

## **WEEKLY PRAYER TEAM**

As the congregation submits prayer requests, this team brings those needs to the Lord on a weekly basis.

## **CALL TEAMS**

These teams especially focus on following up with the congregation after surgeries and checking in on those struggling with chronic medical issues.

## **KNIT AND CHAT, CROCHET AND PRAY**

This group gathers to create prayer shawls that are given out to those who struggling or in the hospital. The group prays over all the completed items before they are distributed into various spaces.



# MISSIONS

The church isn't a building—it's people. We're sent into the world to bring be **Light and Life for the City**. Our Missions efforts locally and globally represent part of our work in living out the Kingdom of God together.



# **Local Ministry Team**

We partner with 18 local agencies who are doing amazing work in our city. Our local serve teams plan and coordinate serving events throughout the year. Sometimes these efforts are in conjunction with COSILoveYou's CityServe weekends, other times we have needs that arise within our local partnerships that we rally to address.

# **Global Ministry Team**

We partner with four global partners (Guatemala, Cuba, Egypt, Mongolia) who are each doing amazing work in our world to lift those in need to a place of thriving. Our global serve teams plan and participate in mission trips. We also stay connected throughout the year with churches and believers around the world through prayer and digital meetings with our partners.





# WORSHIP ARTS

Our Worship and Tech Arts Team exists to create intentional Environments which can lead to memorable Experiences to the ultimate goal of producing the opportunity for Encounters with the Lord. This takes many teams working intentionally together for wonderful worship gatherings.



# Welcome Team

This team serves every person God brings to our campus by helping them navigate the Sunday morning experience and by assisting them in discovering their next step in joining community and finding serving opportunities.

## **PARKING**

This team facilitates a safe and positive parking experience for worshippers. This is often the first face that a guest sees!

## **HOST**

Hosts are welcoming and friendly, always ready to answer questions and provide directions. They may escort visitors to the nursery, a class or to a worship venue.

## **USHERS**

Ushers help facilitate a welcoming and reverent environment in the Sanctuary and Worship Center. Ushers help worshippers find their seats, pass offering plates and answer questions.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The “Next Steps” conversation happens at the Welcome Center after the service. This team helps those looking to take their next step at First Pres.

# Music Team

Each week, we gather in one of our worship services to glorify God. Our vocalists and instrumentalists are vital to the experience each Sunday. From choirs to instrumental ensembles to bands and singers there are places for people of all kinds of strengths!

## WORSHIP MUSICIANS

These are highly gifted individuals with a heart for serving the Lord. Vocalists and instrumentalists are auditioned by our worship staff and become part of a community dedicated to the highest expression of worship through music.

## ADULT INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL GROUPS

The Sanctuary Brass Ensemble, Servant Singers, Handbell Choir and others are committed to glorifying the Lord through their craft and lead the congregation in worship throughout the year.

# Sanctuary Choir

Choir members participate in weekly worship and engage in special performances such as our Christmas, Lenten and Fourth of July concerts. There are both musical and non-musical ways to participate in this ministry.

## CHOIR VOCALIST

The ideal choir member has a heart for worship and loves to praise our Lord through song. They rehearse on Wednesday evening and serve in two Sunday services.

## **MUSIC SUPPORT, HOSPITALITY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Various teams assist in preparing, planning, setting up and tear down for events and gatherings where the choir is leading.

## **Tech Team**

Today's worship experiences integrate technology in ways that edify the congregation and glorify the Lord. This team uses production technology in a variety of ways to support the worship experience. While some of these roles can be complex, they all can be quickly mastered after some training and practice!

## **VIDEO TEAM**

The video team consists of camera operators, video directors and content creators who have the primary goal of producing our livestream videos and in service video content that tells the story of what God is doing. This team helps connect those who are not able to be in our physical environments still engage in a meaningful worship experience.

## **LYRICS OPERATOR**

These team members lead the congregation in worship by projecting content on the screens. Attention to detail and basic computer skills are all that are needed to activate into these spaces!

## **AUDIO TEAM**

These people use a trained ear to balance the audio for our in-room experience and livestream broadcast audio. Significant training is available in our world-class Creative Suite.

# Kids + Youth Music

The next generation of our church needs a place to grow and develop their musical talents! These team members help lead our kids and youth in various programs from Children's choirs, to drama camps, to youth bands and more!

## TEACHERS, COACHES, AND DIRECTORS

There are children's ensembles that meet throughout the school year. During the summer we run a variety of camps around music, drama, strings, fine arts, jazz, handbells, etc. which require a support team and ensemble directors.

# Art Community

We have a wonderful art culture here in Colorado Springs and First Pres calls upon this community regularly. Our art community consists of painters, sculptors, photographers and graphic designers that help tell the story of who God is and how we are shaped by His love.

## SERIES SUBMISSIONS

Artists use their unique talents and skills to create art pieces based on ideas, themes and Scripture passages provided by the lead pastor.

## ART MANAGEMENT

This team helps hang art in the building and offers support in labelling, keeping inventory and storing pieces after they've been displayed.

## STAGE DESIGN

The environment is of vital importance to the worship experience. These teams creatively adapt worship spaces to support the major themes of each sermon series.



# CONNECT

We are not lone rangers. We follow Jesus together. We come together to know Christ and His call on our lives. As we are transformed in the faith, we are equipped to live lives that are Light and Life for the City.



# Life Groups

Life Groups are micro-communities meeting throughout the city in which we are transformed, taught and encouraged to be Light and Life for the City. Life Groups are marked by transparent and vibrant friendships, study and application of the bible, prayer and equipping for mission. First Pres offers both gender-specific and co-ed Life Groups.

## ROOTED FACILITATOR

We launch new Life Groups through the 10-week Rooted experience. Rooted facilitators love hospitality and teaching and they strive to foster healthy and balanced group conversation.

## BETA GROUP LEADER

These nine-month groups are intended for women looking to engage with three to five others in study, prayer, and friendship. Beta Group Leaders facilitate Kingdom transformation for those entrusted to their care.

# Alpha

Alpha gives people the opportunity to explore faith and Jesus Christ in a safe environment. It also offers our congregation a place to invite people in their life to consider Christianity for the first time. We ask questions like, “Could God exist?” “Who is Jesus?” and “How can I have faith?” Each night consists of food, a video or talk, and small group conversation.

## PRAYER TEAM

This team lifts up guests and team members in prayer. They either meet during Alpha or pray remotely guided by email updates.



## **HOSPITALITY AND FOOD**

A team of enthusiastic greeters and food servers help create a warm environment to welcome guests and make them feel comfortable in addition to assisting with food setup and cleanup.

## **SMALL GROUPS**

Group hosts and helpers facilitate conversation in breakout groups. These are not “teachers” but good listeners who ask thoughtful questions to keep conversations moving along.

# **MOPS**

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a dynamic, international program designed to nurture mothers with young children from infancy through kindergarten. MOPS offers practical guidance, biblical encouragement, and supportive community to these amazing women!

## **MENTOR MOMS**

These are women with life experience who have discerned a call to invest in a younger generation of moms.

## **NURSERY WORKERS**

This team offers young mothers an opportunity to drink their coffee while it's hot, eat a warm meal, and have space to grow together with other women by caring for little ones in the nursery.

# GTW

Each fall and winter during GTW (Growing Together Wednesdays), First Pres offers a variety of topical and biblical classes focused on formation through the life of the mind. These are typically deep dives into theological topics and in-depth bible studies, but also branch out into areas of study that we need from time-to-time, such as parenting and financial stewardship.

## TEACHER

Our teaching team exists to help others see Jesus more clearly. Connect with the Discipleship team to help deploy your gifting as it aligns with the needs of the body of First Pres.

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

In addition to GTW on Wednesday nights, the library is open every day of the week except Saturdays and holidays. Volunteers have a variety of jobs including answering patron questions and checking out resources.

# First Pres Fellows

First Pres Fellows elevates the next generation of leaders to live out their faith in the marketplace, community and local church. Recent college grads spend nine months exploring who they are in Christ and their unique roles within God's mission in this world as they grow in our community.

## HOST FAMILIES

Families and couples open their home for a Fellow to become part of their family for nine months.

## MENTORS, ONBOARDING FRIENDS AND FUNDRAISING COACHES

Mentors walk with Fellows during their time in the program, onboarding friends connect with incoming Fellows over the summer, and coaches assist the Fellows as they raise tuition for the program.

## ROUND TABLE HOSTS

Fellows rotate through First Pres homes on a weekly basis for dinner and conversation. This is a great way to bless Fellows and connect with this incredible group.

## ADMISSIONS TEAM

This team reviews applications, interviews candidates, and works to select new Fellows for our program.



# CAMPUS OPS

Campus Ops works behind the scenes to create an environment that enables First Pres to worship and grow without distraction. We keep people safe by limiting risk, create environments that “set the table” for annual celebrations such as Easter, summer camps, VBS and Advent, and ensure that the church is operating at its fullest potential.

## Operations Ministry Team

We constantly host events and other programs. From worship to family ministry gatherings, Memorials to discipleship experiences, we are constantly preparing for activity within the building.

## **FOOD / KITCHEN**

This team practices hospitality by providing a high-quality food experience. They understand the importance of keeping a kitchen organized and clean and help with the Sunday morning experience by providing coffee.

## **SEASONAL DECOR**

These teams design, plan, and decorate open spaces for holidays and special events. They regularly host decorating parties!

## **BUILDING SERVICES SUPPORT**

This team works behind the scenes to maintain our facilities and make sure those arriving for events find the room ready for them.

## **IT SUPPORT**

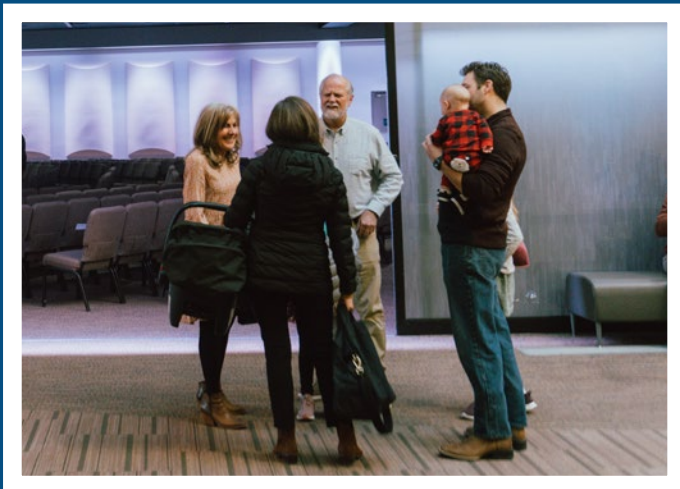
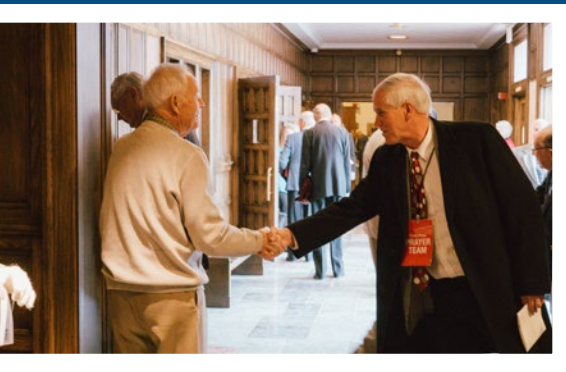
This team helps people use various technological tools support ministries, classes and communities throughout the building. They help people check in children and even offer a friendly and welcoming voice of knowledge on the phone during worship services and LiveStreamed events.

# **Business**

This team works to ensure that the church has the resources they need to effectively minister to the congregation and community. Finances are a critical part of the ministry of First Pres.

## **ADMIN AND BUSINESS SUPPORT**

This team works with the First Pres Business Office staff to help with data entry, filing, mailings and other business office processes. They have an eye for detail and a heart to honor Christ in all they do.



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