



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SANCTUARY

TODAY'S SERMON

ROOM FOR THE SPIRIT

Life Together

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

▪ ROMANS 14:16-18

▪ LIGHT + LIFE *for* THE CITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arranger: Dan Marvin

Kylie Holes, trumpet; Dr. Adam Haas, piano

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord!

Composer: Jim DeJarnette

Chris Owenby, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Greg Hartnett

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee · No. 59

Steve Kindermann, trumpet;

Mark Burditt, David Quintanar,

Ray Cramer; trombone

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

HYMN OF ADORATION

Jesus Shall Reign · No. 341

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, Your kingdom is not in what we eat or drink, but in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. We confess we have made it smaller than that and in doing so, we have sinned against You and against one another. We have let what is good be spoken of as evil, we have turned our convictions into weapons against each other. We have chased our desires instead of pursuing You and Your righteousness. Forgive us, Lord. By Your Spirit, teach us to love You and to love one another. Clothe us in righteousness, and make us, above all, servants of Christ and of Your kingdom.

RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 68

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Composer: Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Holy, Holy, Holy (Agnus Dei)

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Gerald Miller, cello

Jaron Klassen; piano Rachel West,

Matt Holtzman, Roxanne Lingle; vocalists

SCRIPTURE READING

Bonnie Ortivez, Elder

SERMON

ROOM FOR THE SPIRIT

Romans 14:16-18 (pg. 1727)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

CLOSING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Arranger: Lloyd Larson

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Composer: Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”

ROMANS 14:17

TODAY IS VISION SUNDAY

Come ready to worship, be encouraged, and celebrate where we’re headed together as we continue belonging and living on mission.

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell preaches Keeping the Peace, from Romans 14:19-23. Read it ahead of Sunday and come ready!

CARE

NO ONE HURTS ALONE

FLOWER FUND, IN MEMORY OF

Helen Lovie Stevens

By Gail Stevens & family

Chris Nowak

By Linda Champlin-Frank

Charles Haley

By Margaret Haley-Oliver

IN MEMORIAM

George Sheffer

August 30, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Clinton Knowles

Friday, Sept 18 at 10 am

Upcoming services are listed at firstprescos.org/memorialservices

STEPHEN MINISTERS

If you’re experiencing a challenging season of life and would like someone to talk to, our Stephen Ministers are here for you. Contact the Caring Ministry office at 884-8145.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

The Fall Grief Workshop runs September 14–October 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m. If you’ve lost a loved one or close friend, you don’t have to grieve alone. Join us for seven weeks of support and practical tools for coping. [Firstprescos.org/griefworkshop](https://firstprescos.org/griefworkshop)

NEED PRAYER?

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

STAY IN THE LOOP

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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)



ONGOING

Stay Connected with First Pres Forward

Find the latest information about First Pres Forward, including project updates, important announcements, upcoming milestones, and ways you can stay informed as we move forward together. Check the website regularly for new updates!

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



SEPT 17 | 6 PM

Try Alpha

Explore the Christian faith and your own spirituality at Alpha. It's a chance to explore and question the meaning of life, to discuss the "big stuff", share insights, and enjoy a meal with other attendees. It's fun, relaxed, and free.

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



OCT 3 | 9 AM

Fall CityServe

Join First Pres as we roll up our sleeves and love our city through CityServe! Serve alongside neighbors across Colorado Springs, support local organizations, meet real needs, and make a tangible difference. Let's show up for our city!

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



WED + THURS | 9-11 AM

MomCo

Moms, MOMCo is back! Join Wednesdays for moms of kids 6+ or Thursdays for moms of kids 6 and under, both 9-11 a.m. Enjoy coffee, breakfast, childcare, encouragement, and community as we do motherhood together. There's a seat for you! Invite a friend!

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

Nominate a Leader

We are seeking qualified leaders at First Pres. Elder and deacon nomination forms are at the Welcome Desk and online.

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

Growing Together Wednesdays

GTW is back! No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's something for you on Wednesday evenings at First Pres!

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