



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
MAY 31, 2026



CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE
The People of God

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

Praise to the Lord

Arranger: Dan Marvin

Steve Kindermann, Tim Baird,
Drew Pritchard, trumpet;
Mark Burditt, Randy Schneider,
Scott Crump, trombone;
Tyler Perea, tuba; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT

With a Voice of Singing

Composer: Martin Shaw

Steve Williams, conductor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

HYMN OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

No. 16

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Mateen Elass

VBS VIDEO

SONG OF ADORATION

There Is a Higher Throne

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar;
Matt Holtzman, piano/vocalist;
Rachel West, vocalist

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord God, You have created us all in Your image. You have crowned each person with glory and honor. But in our sinful pride, we have often judged others as less than ourselves. We have decided that we know best who should receive Your mercy. We have shut ourselves off from people You love and in doing so have selfishly darkened their lives.

Forgive our judgmentalism. By Your Holy Spirit strengthen us in grace and love. Make us agents of Your peace, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

What the Lord Has Done in Me

No. 360

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Swingin' with the Saints

Arranger: Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Bill Rhea, Elder

SERMON

Children of the Promise

Romans 9:1-13 (*pg. 1719*)

Rev. Dr. Mateen Elass

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

And Can It Be?

Composer: Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Matt Holtzman

CLOSING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No. 405

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arranger: Dan Marvin

“In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.”

Romans 9:8

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell continues our series, *The People of God*, with a message titled *Other Sheep* from Romans 9:14-29.

TEXT TO GIVE:

Giving is easy! Simply text “Give” to 719-297-2232 and you’ll receive a link with quick instructions to get started.

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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MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Mary Eisele

Friday, June 5 at 10:30 a.m.

IN MEMORIAM:

Edward Scott

May 20, 2026

Joe Diffie

May 26, 2026

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Bruce Reeder

By Hazel Reeder & family

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

COMMUNION AT HOME:

For those unable to attend church, home communion will be offered June 7. To request a visit, contact your deacon, the Caring Ministries office at (719) 884-6145, or deaconoffice@firstprescos.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING:

Called to be a more effective Christian caregiver? Join us in The Commons on May 31 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. to learn more, or call the Caring Ministries office at 719-884-6145.

The Happenings

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

SUMMER CAMPS

Join us this summer for faith, fun, and friendship at First Pres Summer Camps! Kids and students will enjoy worship, Bible teaching, outdoor adventures, games, creative activities, and more in a safe, welcoming, and Christ centered environment. Whether it's your child's first camp or a summer tradition, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Register today and make this a summer to remember!

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



OF THEE I SING

Join us at First Pres for Of Thee I Sing 2026, a patriotic concert celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence through hymns, patriotic favorites, jazz, and music that has shaped the American story! Visit our webpage for tickets and more information.

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



VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Help make VBS unforgettable! Volunteer July 13-16 and invest in the next generation through games, teaching, and meaningful moments that point kids to Christ. There's a place for everyone!

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



REV. DAVE STEANE

We invite you to participate in a special love offering for Rev. David Steane in gratitude for the faithful leadership and care he and Jenny have shared with First Pres over the past four years. As they begin this next chapter in Kentucky, we send them with deep thanks and prayers.

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



NEW SERVICE TIMES

Big update! Beginning June 7, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to better serve our community. Classic Worship will be held at 8:30 and 10:15 am, and Modern Worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday School will run from 9:30-10:45 am, with kid drop-off beginning at 9:15.

