



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
NOVEMBER 16, 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.

LIGHT + LIFE *for the* **CITY**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fanfare, Fugue, and Chorale on CRUCIFER

First Pres Brass; Steve Hock, director

Arranger: Martin Dicke

INTROIT

Come, Thou Almighty King

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus

No. 123

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

CHURCH PLANT UPDATE

Chuck + Katie Fowler

HYMN OF ADORATION

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 473

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Rick Baisden, guitar

CALL TO CONFESSION

Almighty God and loving Father, we thank You for placing us in covenant relationships, in homes and families and friendships. Forgive us when we have taken our vows and commitments too lightly. Forgive us for the breakdown of family life, for ruptures of marriages, for neglect of children and grandchildren, for dishonor toward parents, and for failing to teach and live by Your values and designs. Jesus, teach us every day to love and serve, to cherish and protect those with whom we live. In Your name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance

No. 426

APOSTLES' CREED

Chaplain Linda Boyles

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

In This Very Room

Composers: Ron and Carol Harris

SERMON

Faithful Friends

3 John 1:1-18

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

No. 393

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

They'll Know We Are Christians

Arranger: Lloyd Larson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 569

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, & Honor

Arranger: Cheryl Bray Jackson

**"I have no greater joy than
to hear that my children are
walking in the truth."**

3 John 1:4

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Ellen Dawson will preach a message titled *The Truth Prevails*, from 3 John 1:9-14

IN MEMORIAM:

Jim Thorpe

Monday, November 10

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Beth Barker

by Veitch & Muchmore families

Marian Simpson

by Jeff Simpson

Marian Simpson

by Vickie Sherwood

Lois Keller

by Gubser & Keller Families

Meredith Moreland Dawes

by Otis & Anne Moreland

Elaine Spragens

by Diane Rossin & Joanne Dickinson

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

HOLIDAY BLUES

Help for the Holiday Blues: *Learning to Hope and Cope in the Midst of Loss* offers support for those who find the holidays difficult. Join us Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for a presentation by Chaplain Linda Boyles. Register online or call 719-884-6145.

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The Happenings

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SERVICE OF LAMENT

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center for a service of music, reflection, and lament—an opportunity to bring our grief and gratitude before God together.

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



SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT FOR CHRISTMAS

The SSFC catalog will be arriving in mailboxes soon! Visit our page to browse this year's meaningful gift options. Each purchase blesses and supports our local and global partners! Visit our table in the plaza to learn more.

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



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Tickets available today in the Plaza for \$25! Join us for *The Wonder of Christmas* women's celebration with brunch, entertainment, and an inspiring message. Choose from two seatings: Dec. 5 or 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

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MEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Join us for the Men's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 13, featuring food, carols with the Brass Ensemble, and a message by Craig Glass. Tickets are \$20, available online and in the Plaza.

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CHRISTMAS JOY

Celebrate the season with *Christmas Joy!* at the Pikes Peak Center. Enjoy choirs, orchestra, and special guests Wayne Wilkinson and Alvy Powell. Join us on Dec. 14 at 1:30 or 4:30 p.m. Visit the link below to secure your tickets!

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