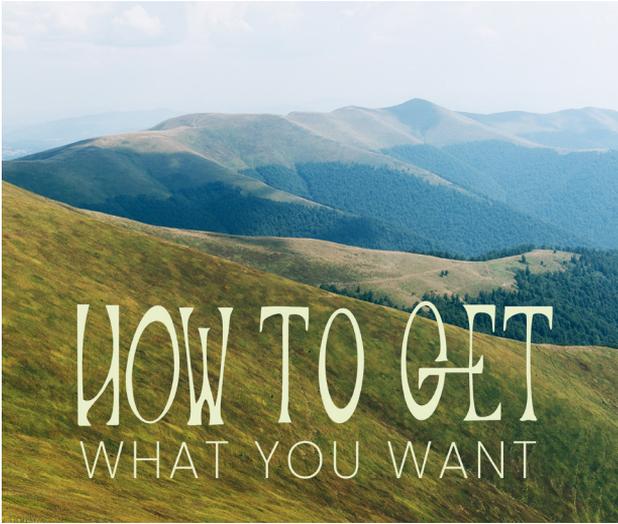




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Prelude on Italian Hymn

Ray Cramer, conductor;
Steve Kindermann and Tim Baird, trumpet;
Sarah Ford, horn; Sondra Bell, trombone;
Tyler Perea, tuba; Dr. Adam Haas, organ
Composer: Tim Rumsey

INTROIT

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Chris Owenby, director
Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarahan

HYMN OF PRAISE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION

Build My Life

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Rachel West, vocalist

CALL TO CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we come to You knowing that You are our loving Creator. You supply all of our needs. Yet we give in to the pressures of the world. We are easy toward our sin and greedy in our selfish desires. We want more than we need. And what we want so often leads us away from You. Forgive our self-seeking appetites and fill us with Your Spirit. Satisfy us with Your love so that we may live this day in joy and praise. We pray this in the name of and for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen

RESPONSE

My Jesus, I Love Thee | No. 468

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Let Me Hide Myself in Thee

Judith Meyer, soloist
Composer: Craig Courtney

SERMON

Desires of the Heart

Psalm 37:1-9
Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

A Jubilant Song

Composer: Allen Pote

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness | No. 72

CHARGE & BENECTION

POSTLUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus

Jaron Klassen, piano
Composer: Robert W. Parker

**“Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the
desires of our heart.”**

Psalm 37:4

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Greg Hartnett will preach a message titled *Purity*, from Mark 7:14-23.

Our Session meets regularly to pray, seek God’s direction for First Pres, and provide spiritual leadership and missional governance. These meetings are open for members to come and observe. While discussion and voting are reserved for active elders, your presence is welcome. If you’d like to attend, please email eroth@firstprescos.org to reserve your seat.

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:

Chuck Adams

September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Jill Hand

September 20 at 11:30 a.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to

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

IN MEMORIAM:

Max Nazareus

August 25, 2025

James Oraker

September 2, 2025

Chuck Adams

September 4, 2025

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Phoebe Lee

Penrose Main

Susan Stevens

Memorial Central

Lois Oswalt

Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Helen Lovie Stevens

by Gail Stevens & family

Chris Nowak

by Linda Champlin-Frank

Charles Haley

by Margaret Haley-Oliver



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The Happenings

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

MISSIONS UPDATE | LIVING SENT

This year, our Living Sent publication will be included in our church's annual report, which will be published in January. Visit the missions page and sign up to receive the Missions Newsletter to find out more info about our missions partners!

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



MARRIAGE RETREAT

You're Invited! Join us Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 2025 for a Marriage Retreat in Estes Park — a peaceful, spirit-filled weekend to renew your bond, refresh your faith, and reconnect with joy!

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



ELDER + DEACON NOMINATIONS

If you know someone who would be a great fit for the role of elder or deacon, nomination forms are available at the Welcome Desk or online. Be part of shaping our church leadership by filling one out today.

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



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Bring your folding chairs and join us for Sunday worship on the lawn at Acacia Park, Sunday, October 5 at 11 a.m. Our Sanctuary Services will continue as usual, but if you normally attend the 9 a.m. Worship Center Service, please note that we'll be gathering instead at 11 a.m. in the park.



SINGLES CONNECT

Join other singles from First Pres for an informal evening of connection, fellowship, and information about Life Groups, Bible studies, and more on Sunday, September 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Ivywild School, on the south patio. Singles of all ages are welcome. Questions? Contact Matt at [m Holtzman@firstprescos.org](mailto:mholtzman@firstprescos.org).

