



HIGHER

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M. // MAY 21, 2023



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

HIGHER // PASTOR MICHAEL THORNTON
WEEK FIVE // “NO OTHER”

**“For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.”**

1 Chronicles 16:25

Find sermons from this series at [firstprescos.org/watch](https://www.firstprescos.org/watch)

PRELUDE *Rejouissance* - James Curnow

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* - Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

PRAYER OF ADORATION + LORD'S PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

SONG OF ADORATION *Behold Our God*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, You are the only true God and our God. You are so worthy of praise that the creation sings Your praises, lifting You high and above all things.

We, too, should be rejoicing in You and calling upon You in all things. But we do not. We love ourselves more than You and set our minds and hearts on idols of our own making. Forgive our self-love that places us before You. By Your Spirit, empower us so that we may live in obedience, walking humbly with You and pleasing and praising You to the glory of Your most holy name.

In and through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from The Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 103-105.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE *Behold Our God*

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Leader: What is the First Commandment?

**CONGREGATION: The First Commandment is,
“You shall have no other gods before me.”**

LEADER: What is required in the First Commandment?

**CONGREGATION: The First Commandment requires us to know
and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God;
and to worship and glorify him accordingly.**

LEADER: What is forbidden in the First Commandment?

**CONGREGATION: The First Commandment forbids the denying,
or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God;
and the giving of that worship and glory to any other which is due to him alone.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Ascribe to the Lord* - Rosephanye Powell

SERMON

“No Other” 1 Chronicles 16:23-33 Michael Thornton

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *How Great Thou Art* - arr. Eric Nelson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord* - Sigfried Karg-Elert



NEW HERE? We know that going to a new church for the first time is exciting. We want to help make your first experience at First Pres a great one! We can't wait to meet you. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

The
Happenings

May 21, 2023



Find all upcoming events online.

**FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/
CALENDAR**

TODAY'S END OF THE YEAR BASH begins at 12:30 p.m. on the Weber Student Center Lawn. Family Ministries will celebrate kids, students and families as we wrap up the 2022-23 school year and recognize all that God has done in our lives this past year.

MY PART SUNDAY: We believe church, like a body, works best when every part is doing its part. So on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, we invite you to pray and ask God where He is leading you to serve on this mission we call First Pres. You have a part to play! Find your part at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MYPART**

JOIN OUR TEAM in Life Network's June 3 "Walk for Life." Join the First Pres team or sign up your Life Group, generate sponsors and walk together. Learn more and register at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MISSION-ENGAGEMENT**

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: If you're ready to put down roots at First Pres, mark your calendar for Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m. Learn more at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMBERSHIP**

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: VBS is always a fun week at First Pres, and that's true for our volunteers also! We'll have hundreds of kids learning about Jesus on our campus the week of July 10-13, but we need dozens of volunteers, both adults and students. Sign up at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS**

SUMMER CAMPS for kids and students from pre-kindergarten to high school. Camps are a great opportunity for kids to build friendships and develop or deepen their faith and love for Jesus Christ. Learn more and register at **FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS**

OF THEE I SING TICKETS go on sale June 1 via the Ent Center, both online and at their ticket office. Don't miss this terrific performance led by Jamal Sarikoki Sunday, July 2 at 3 p.m. Stay tuned for more information.

WALKING WITH JESUS is our next sermon series that begins June 4. Pastor Jennifer Holz will be preaching in all four services on that communion Sunday.

NEED PRAYER?

If you'd like prayer, please find a Pastor, or a Prayer Team member wearing a large red tag, after today's service, or email prayer@firstprescos.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Routhella Holloway

5/12/2023

Mrs. Marilyn Phillips

5/13/2023

For information on planning a memorial service, or to see upcoming memorials, go to

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MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Sharon Hurst

Monday, 5/22 at 1 p.m.

Gene Ireland

Tuesday, 5/23 at 11 a.m.

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Our daughters, Heather Werner &
Corrie Dunkerton**

by Ralph & Robin Gates

• **In honor of our graduate, Kendra Urban
& Elijah Krill**

by Gary & Vickie Sherwood, Merah,
Erin & families



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