



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
JANUARY 4, 2026

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

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Arranger: Paul Thompson

Veronika Afanassieva and Elisa Wicks, violin;

Mike Hart, viola; Gerald Miller, cello

INTROIT

Angels We Have Heard On High

Steve Williams, conductor

Arranger: Dan Goeller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

HYMN OF PRAISE

The First Noel

No. 229

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF ADORATION

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 218

Adam Haas, piano; Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Jay

Hahn, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Keep Your Lamps!

Arranger: Andre Thomas

SERMON

We Belong to the Day

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Rev. Ellen Dawson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion elements are gluten-free and may be taken as received or when indicated by the minister

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

As with Gladness

No. 236

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Arranger: Wayne Wilkinson

**"You are all children of the light
and children of the day. We do
not belong to the night or to the
darkness."**

1 Thessalonians 5:5

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will kick off our first series of 2026, *No Shame: Standing on Gospel Truth*, with a message from Romans 1:1-12.

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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You can also connect with us on your favorite social media platform:



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IN MEMORIAM:

Jan Bolin

December 23, 2025

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Don Halford

Friday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Susie Jenkins

Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Kathy Hubbard

Memorial North

Jim Kelley

Memorial Central

Please contact the church if you or another member are hospitalized.

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

John, Margot & Bruce Lane

by Phil & Anita Lane

Max E. Young & Sean Alan Soares

by Toni Miller, Steve Young, Andy Soares & families

Paul Franklin Holloman

by Ginny Holloman

The Happenings

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

NEW SERIES NEXT WEEK!

We are beginning a year-long journey through Romans. In this letter, Paul boldly lays out the heart of the Christian faith: why we need salvation, what Jesus has done to save us, and how we are called to live. While the world values self-reliance and strength, the Gospel challenges those ideals. Though it may feel uncomfortable, we are not ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God to save and transform the world. Who will you invite?



WINTER GTW

There's a place for you on Wednesdays at First Pres! Join us for a Prayer & Worship Night with potluck on January 7, then return January 14 as Winter GTW begins for kids, students, and adults.

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



ALPHA

Alpha is a free, relaxed space to explore the Christian faith, ask big questions, and share a meal with others. Thursdays, January 22–March 26, 6–8 p.m. in The Landing.

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



BELONG | FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Faith is not a solo sport! We weren't made to follow Jesus alone. We need people who know our name and walk with us. In groups, you'll find prayer, friendship, laughter, and the kind of belonging that grows your faith.

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



GRIEF WORKSHOP

The Winter Grief Workshop meets February 9–March 23, 6:30–8:30 p.m. If you've lost a loved one or close friend to death, you don't have to grieve alone. Join this seven-week workshop to find support and practical tools for coping.

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