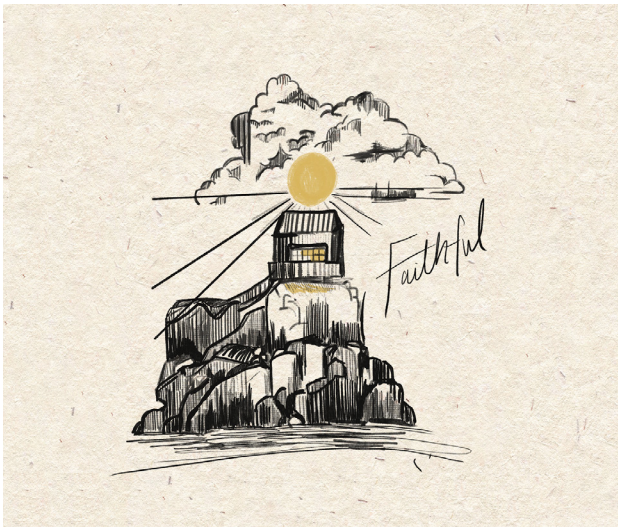




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
NOVEMBER 9, 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Vivace Ringers; Wes Livingston, conductor

Arranger: Kevin McChesney

INTROIT

Come, Thou Almighty King

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 48

Dr. Adam Haas, organ and Jaron Klassen, piano

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

HYMN OF ADORATION

Be Thou My Vision | No. 502

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Rick Baisden, guitar; Allison Bassett, vocalist

CALL TO CONFESSION

Faithful God, You warn us to watch ourselves, yet we have grown careless in guarding our hearts.

You call us to remain in the teaching of Christ, but we have listened to voices that lead us away from Your truth. Father, forgive us for welcoming what is false and neglecting what is true. Give us strength to love You fully and to love one another sincerely, that we may walk in the truth of Christ our Lord.

RESPONSE

At the Cross | No. 258

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Am

Arranger: Don Marsh

SERMON

Truth and Lies

2 John 1:7-13

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 480

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Dorothy Alvarez, elder

Helena Hokma LaBadie born, August 23, 2025, will be baptized during today's service. Helena's parents are Ben and Abby LaBadie.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Standing on the Promises

Arranger: Larry Sue

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation | No. 411

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Arranger: Marvin Gaspard

**“I say this because many deceivers,
who do not acknowledge
Jesus Christ as coming in the
flesh, have gone out into the
world. Any such person is the
deceiver and the antichrist.”**

2 John 1:7

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Faithful Friends*, from 3 John 1:1-18.

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

Sign up for weekly emails to stay in the loop with everything happening at First Pres.



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MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Lois Deyo

Friday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Esther Dow

Memorial Central

Elaine Wallace

Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Terry Busby

by Joyce, Shelley & Sienna Busby

Henry

by Chuck & Cindy Boyll

Elouise Young

by Toni Miller, Steve Young, Andy Soares, & their families

Helen Kennedy

by Jamieson & Mary Kay Kennedy

Robert Stauffer

by Marianne Stauffer & families

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.

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOLIDAYBLUES

The Happenings

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

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!

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



SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT FOR CHRISTMAS

The SSFC catalog will be arriving in mailboxes soon! Get a head start by visiting our page to browse this year's meaningful gift options. Each purchase blesses and supports our local and global partners!

[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.

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



MEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Save the date! 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 Nov. 10 and in the Plaza starting Nov. 16.

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



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)

