



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

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PRELUDE

Arabesque no. 1

Nathanael Nims, piano

Composer: Claude Debussy

INTROIT

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

No. 136

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Greg Hartnett

SONG OF ADORATION

Rock of Ages | No. 384

Marc Neihof, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Chris Cullins, vocalist

Elisa Wicks; violin

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of grace, You teach us that it is not what enters from the outside that defiles us, but the sin that flows from our own hearts. We cling to rules instead of Your power to transform us. We let ourselves be continually stained and polluted by the lies of this world. Forgive our pride, envy, foolishness, and all that separates us from You. Create in us clean hearts, O God, as we seek to follow our Savior who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

RESPONSE

Build My Life

Rachel West, vocalist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Composer: Eugene Butler

SERMON

Purity

Mark 7:14-23

Rev. Greg Hartnett

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Refiner's Fire

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

I Need Thee Every Hour

Composer: John Ness Beck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 68

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our Refuge and Strength

Composer: Edward Broughton

**“Nothing outside a person can
defile them by going into them.
Rather, it is what comes out of
a person that defiles them.”**

Mark 7:15

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell
will preach a message titled *Justice*,
from Luke 18:1-8.

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:

Susan Bussard

September 25 at 1 p.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Gail Bell

St. Francis

Lois Oswalt

Memorial Central

Susan Stevens

Memorial Central

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Harold S. Teats

by Gary & Vickie Sherwood,
Merah, Erin & families

The Happenings

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

COS I LOVE YOU | CITY SERVE

CityServe is back October 3-4! This is an incredible opportunity to join with churches, organizations, and neighbors all across Colorado Springs to serve our amazing city. There are dozens of projects and plenty of ways you can get involved. Sign up today!

[SERVE.COSILOVEYOU.COM](https://serve.cosiloveyou.com)



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. Sign up on the Missions page to receive our Newsletter and learn more about our mission partners!

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



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.



MILITARY MUSTER

Our next Muster will be Thursday September 25 at 10 a.m. Experience the joy of fellowship as we grow together and build our Christian lives. All active duty military, veterans, spouses and family members are welcome!

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