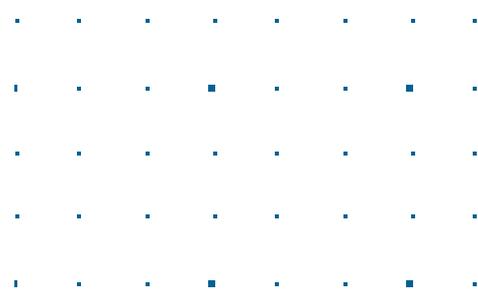




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
APRIL 6, 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

TURN AGAIN // TIM McCONNELL // "EYES OPENED"

PRELUDE *Piano Trio in B-flat major*

Veronika Afanassieva, violin; Gerald Miller, cello; Adam Haas, piano
Composer: Franz Schubert

INTROIT *God So Loved the World*

Composer: John Goss

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 71, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION No. 482, *Sanctuary*

APOSTLES' CREED Rev. Dr. John Goodale

INTRODUCTION + EXPLANATION OF OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *In This Very Room*

Composers: Carol & Ron Harris

SERMON

"Eyes Opened" // John 9:24-38 // Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

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 RESPONSE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN No. 480, *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Our Great Savior*

Arranger: Duane Funderburk

“He replied, ‘Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!’”

John 9:25

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach on Luke 19:1-10 with the message *Life Changed*.

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 back of the Worship Center
- Email prayer@firstprescos.org

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

[Devere Curtiss](#) - Penrose Main

[Jim Brown](#) - Penrose Main

[Connie Pawlik](#) - Penrose Main

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

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

[Mrs. Jackie Schultz](#)

Thursday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m.

[Mrs. Carolyn Morrison](#)

Friday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m.

To see upcoming memorials, go to

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

IN MEMORIAM

[Mr. Jerry Nelson](#)

3/27/2025

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

[Jeanie & Bill Perrin](#)

by Cindi Perrin, Robbie & Marty Emge

[Jay Kennedy](#)

by the Kennedys

[Phyllis Robison](#)

by Gayle Caldwell

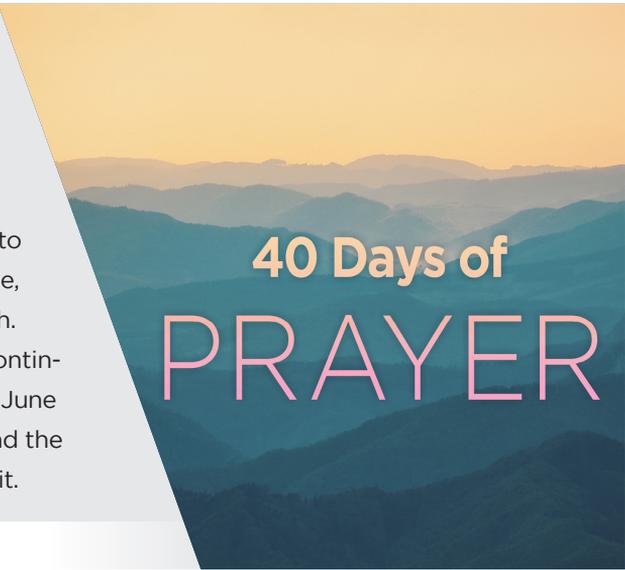
The Happenings

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

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

As we prepare for Pentecost, join us for 40 Days in a Spirit of Prayer—a journey of prayer, fasting, and renewal from April 29 to June 8. Together, we'll seek God's presence, intercede for our city, and deepen our faith. The season culminates with 24 hours of continuous prayer leading to Pentecost Sunday, June 8, when we'll form a Circle of Prayer around the church to symbolize unity in the Holy Spirit.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/PRAYER40](https://firstprescos.org/prayer40)



40 Days of PRAYER

EASTER INVITATION

Celebrate Easter with us! Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, our living Savior. Invitation cards are at the Welcome Desk.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/EASTER](https://firstprescos.org/easter)



GIVE BACK THE BLESSING

On Palm Sunday, April 13, we'll collect the "Give Back the Blessing" offering to support housing needs in Colorado Springs and Cairo. Bring your gift to worship or give online to help share God's blessings and show Christ's love!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GBTB](https://firstprescos.org/gbtb)



SECRET GARDEN TEA PARTY

Celebrate the special bonds between mothers, daughters, and grandmothers with a morning of laughter, heartfelt conversations, and delicious tea, treats, and delights. Join us on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 10 a.m.!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TEAPARTY](https://firstprescos.org/teaparty)



BAUMAN COMMISSIONING TODAY

Join us for a special service as we commission Mark & Heather Bauman as Lay Pastors in the Cathedral Room at 3 p.m. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful moment together!