



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 7, 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

He Hideth My Soul

Dr. Adam Haas, piano; Elisa Wicks,
Veronika Afanassieva, violin;
Matthew Diekman, viola; Gerald Miller, cello
Arranger: Deborah Greer Gilbert

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chris Owenby, director
Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 317

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION

Be Thou My Vision | No. 502

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Is He Worthy?

Rachel West, Matt Holtzman, soloists
Arranger: Dan Forrest

SERMON

Vision Sunday

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

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 THANKSGIVING + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 569

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Jaron Klassen, piano
Arrangers: Hayes and Gaspard

**“We remember before our God
and Father your work produced
by faith, your labor prompted by
love, and your endurance inspired
by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

1 Thessalonians 1:3

NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK!

To see upcoming memorials, go to
[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES](https://firstprescos.org/memorialservices)

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Eugene & Harriet Ballenger &
Ronald Ballenger**

by Pegi Ballenger & Ray Parry

Steve Morgan

by his dad

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell
kicks-off our next series, *How to
Get What You Want*, with a message
from Psalm 37:1-9

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Eugenie “Genie” Kerr

Penrose Main

Susan Stevens

Memorial Central

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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COMMUNION SUNDAY

Each Communion Sunday, we invite
our congregation to support the
Deacon Fund. This fund helps those
facing difficult times and supports
ministries of care for people in need.
Giving envelopes can be found in the
pew racks, or you may simply design-
ate your gift for the Deacon Fund.

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)



MARRIAGE RETREAT

You're Invited! Join us Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 2025 for a Marriage Retreat in Estes Park — a peaceful, spirit-filled weekend to renew your bond, refresh your faith, and reconnect with joy!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MARRIAGERETREAT](https://firstprescos.org/marriageretreat)



SERVE IN THE NURSERY!

Help our youngest church members experience God's love through play, stories, and care in a warm, nurturing space. We're looking for volunteers with a heart for children to join us in creating this loving space!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SERVE](https://firstprescos.org/serve)



GRIEF WORKSHOP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join us for a seven-week workshop, September 8 to October 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn tools to cope and find support—you don't have to grieve alone.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GRIEFWORKSHOP](https://firstprescos.org/griefworkshop)



ALPHA

Alpha kicks off on 9/10. Alpha is a space to unpack the basics of the Christian faith together. No pressure. No judgement. Just open conversation over some good food. That's it. Come along, see what you think.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TRYALPHA](https://firstprescos.org/tryalpha)

