



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 28, 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

Fanfare Chorale, Opus 194

First Pres Brass; Stephen Hock, director

Arranger: Timothy Miller

INTROIT

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Chris Owenby, director

Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 59

Jaron Klassen, piano; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

SONG OF ADORATION

Draw Me Close to You

Jay Hahn, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Elisa Wicks, violin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Righteous God, we confess that we look to the things of this world for the justice we so long for. We put our hope in movements, politics, groups, and advocacy efforts, forgetting that true justice belongs to You. Forgive us for being weary in prayer and impatient when You delay. Forgive us for wanting fairness for ourselves while we judge others harshly. Forgive us for not trusting in Your sovereignty and plan for all of creation. Turn our eyes to the cross, where Your love and justice are perfectly revealed in Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSE

Amazing Grace | No.422

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

There is a Balm in Gilead

Judith Meyer, vocalist

Arranger: William Dawson

SERMON

Justice

Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 569

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Marching to Zion

Arranger: Ken Berg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia of Praise (Lobe Den Herren)

Arranger: Stan Pethel

“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?”

Luke 18:7

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Peace*, from Luke 18:18-30

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. Choose what emails you'd like to receive and subscribe to our bi-weekly podcast at

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NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK!

To see upcoming memorials, go to FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMORIALSERVICES

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Arnold & Nancy Combs & Jim Combs

by Nancy Maffett, Susan Stevens, & Stephen Maffett & families

Bruce Reeder

by his family

HOME COMMUNION:

Would you like communion to be brought to you? Home communion visits from our deacons allow those isolated from congregational worship to be connected in a meaningful way. Our next home communion date is scheduled for October 5. If you or someone you know would be blessed by this experience, reach out to your deacon or contact Caring Ministries at (719) 884-6145 or email deaconoffice@firstprescos.org.

COUNSELING COALITION:

If you have a counseling need, we have a Counseling Coalition. Please call the Caring Ministries Office 719-884-6145.

The Happenings

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

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)



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)



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. Sign up today!

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



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.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is on October 26. Make your pledge today to support the mission and future of First Pres. Every commitment helps us plan wisely and serve faithfully!

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