

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M. JULY 20, 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

IN THE FACE OF JESUS // TIM McCONNELL // "THERE IS GOODNESS"

PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Arranger: Dan Miller; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 23, All Creatures of Our God and King

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

REV. MICHAEL THORNTON COMMISSIONING

SONG OF ADORATION Goodness of God

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion; Wayne Wilkinson, guitar;
Rachel West. Vonda Barnhart. vocalists

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, great God, You are filled with mercy and steadfast love. Trusting You, we simply come before You, confessing our sin and need. We have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom. We have rejected Your wisdom and guidance. We are lost altogether. But You, O Lord, You are filled with steadfast love. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the grounds of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy shown in Your Son, Jesus. It is in His name that we pray, for He is the Savior and source of all grace. Amen

RESPONSE God is So Good

SERMON

"There is Goodness" // Luke 9:1-6;10-17 (pg. 1577)* // Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Here I Am, Lord

Arranger: Craig Courtney; Sandy Tiemens, flute

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. John Goodale

CLOSING HYMN No. 502, Be Thou My Vision

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata on Amazing Grace
Arranger: J. Christopher Pardini

*Pew Bible (If you'd like to take a Bible home, please visit the Welcome Center.)

"So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere."

Luke 9:6

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *There Is Faithfulness*, from Luke 9:18-27.

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 recieve and subscribe to our bi-weekly podcast at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUBSCRIBE

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NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK!

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

IN MEMORIAM:

Connie Butcher - 5/30/2025

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Virginia J. Teats

by Gary & Vickie Sherwood & Merah & Erin & families

John and Doug Engelson

by Nedra Engelson

Stephen Foster Bodman

by Jean. Mark Bey and families

Russ Bolin

by Jan Bolin, children & grandchildren

MILITARY MUSTER:

Our next Military Muster will be Thursday July 24 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! Learn more at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MILITARY

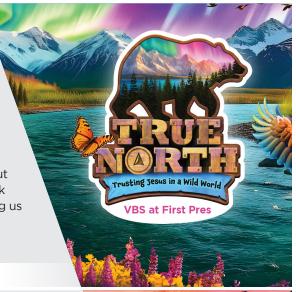
COMMUNION AT HOME:

For those who cannot attend church, home communion is scheduled for August 3. If you or someone you know would be blessed by home communion, please contact your deacon, the Caring Ministries office by phone at (719) 884-6145 or email deaconoffice@firstprescos.org.

Happenings

VBS RECAP

This week we welcomed more than 360 kids to a joyful, gospel-filled week of VBS. We've already heard incredible stories—of moms finding friendship, returning families reconnecting, and new parents discovering a home at First Pres. Volunteers prayed with those in need and watched kids boldly live out the truth they learned: to trust in Jesus. Thank you for showing the love of Christ and helping us share good news with our city.



WOMEN'S EVENTS IN AUGUST

Summer's not over vet—and neither is the fun! Join us for a downtown Art Walk, a Monday morning of creative connection, or a laid-back picnic in the park. Full details are online—come be part of it all!



PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 school year at First Pres Preschool! If you're looking for a Christ-centered, nurturing start to early education, now's the time to sign up-spaces are limited!



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LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Starting July 21, construction begins to transform the Library into The Landing! This exciting project will turn the space into a warm, flexible spot to read, study, meet, or just hang out. That hallway will be an active construction zone, so please use extra care as you pass by!



FAREWELL MICHAEL THORNTON!

Join us in the Commons immediately after this service for a special reception as we celebrate and say farewell to Rev. Michael Thornton.