



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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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! 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 **Belong Hub** in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

LIGHT + LIFE *for the* CITY

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PRELUDE

Quintet op. 30:

Allegro molto agitato ed appassionato

Composer: Carl Frühling

Veronika Afanassieva and Elisa Wicks, violin;
Matthew Diekman, viola; Emma Patterson, cello;
Dr. Adam Haas, piano

INTROIT

Lord, Here Am I

Composer: John Ness Beck

Steve Williams, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 87

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION

Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 123

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass (8:30)

Suzanne Gradin (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

This Is My Word

Composer: Pepper Choplin

HYMN OF PREPARATION (10:15)

Be Thou My Vision | No. 502

SERMON

Aware

Romans 12:3-8 (*pg. 1723*)

Rev. Nate Stratman

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

No. 466

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Day Full of Grace

Arranger: Robert A. Hobby

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

Romans 12:3

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Serving* from Romans 12:9-13

TEXT TO GIVE:

Giving is easy! Simply text “Give” to 719-297-2232 and you’ll receive a link with quick instructions to get started.

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.



FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUBSCRIBE

You can also connect with us on your favorite social media platform:



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NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK.

To view upcoming memorials, visit firstprescos.org/memorialservices

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

John Boyles

By Linda Boyles, Sara & Jason Bibler, Aaron & Andrea Boyles

Adelaide Grace Rowell

By Jonathan, Lara, Weber, Graedon and Nana

LuAnn Peterson

By Wally Peterson & family

Maxine Townsend & Krissy Jackson

By Kelly Townsend

COUNSELING COALITION

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

Deacon Fund

Every Communion Sunday our congregation is invited to give to our Deacon Fund, which assists those who fall upon hard times and funds various ministries of care to those who are hurting. Envelopes are in the pew racks, or you may designate your gift as Deacon Fund.

ELEVATOR REPAIR

Elevators 2 & 3 will be under construction from now through November, so please use Elevator 1 in the main plaza or take the stairs.

The Happenings

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

CROSSFIRE FOOD COLLECTION TODAY

Join us in the plaza as we welcome Crossfire Ministries and celebrate the new refrigerated van purchased through the 2026 Give Back The Blessing Campaign. Stop by the Weber Street entrance between services to tour the van, enjoy an ice pop, and learn how God is at work through Crossfire in our community.



FIRE RELIEF FUNDS

As the body of Christ, we are called to care for those in need. Please pray for those affected by the Colorado wildfires and the earthquakes in Venezuela, and consider supporting relief efforts. To give, visit the link below and select "Fire Relief" or "Earthquake Relief."

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GIVE-NOW](https://firstprescos.org/give-now)



WE'RE HIRING!

Are you called to serve God with passion and excellence? First Pres is a Christ-centered team committed to sharing the light and life of Christ in Colorado Springs. If you feel called to this work, we invite you to apply.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/EMPLOYMENT](https://firstprescos.org/employment)



ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS

If you know someone who would be a great fit to serve as an elder or deacon, nomination forms are available at the Welcome Desk and online. Help shape the future leadership of our church by submitting a nomination today.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/NOMINATION](https://firstprescos.org/nomination)



KIDS CHOIR PARENT MEETING

There will be a Parent meeting on August 19th from 5 pm- 6 pm in the Cathedral room, while the kids (PreK- 6th grade) enjoy activities on the 3rd floor with Choir Teachers. Drop kids off in the gym between 4:45 pm and 5 pm.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/KIDSCHOIR](https://firstprescos.org/kidschoir)

