



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
APRIL 12, 2026



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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arranger: Dan Marvin

Tim Baird, trumpet; Sarah Ford, horn;
Mark Burditt, trombone; Tyler Perea, tuba;
Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT

Hallelujah, Amen

Composer: G.F. Handel

Chris Owenby, director

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. John Goodale

PRAYER VIDEO

SONG OF ADORATION

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar, Jason Crowe, bass;
Scott Barbier, drums; Rachel West, vocalist

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Dave Steane

You Alone, I Love (It Is Well)

Arranger: Rachel West

Rachel West & Chris Owenby, vocalists;
Veronika Afanassieva & Yurie Mitsuhashi, violin;
Erin Napier, viola; Gerald Miller, cello;
Monica Ding, oboe

SERMON

Freedom's Gift

Romans 6:12-23 (*pg. 1715*)

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

REMEMBRANCE

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

For All the Saints (Sine Nomine)

Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Arranger: Benjamin Roundtree

**“For the wages of sin is death, but
the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

Romans 6:23

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell kicks off our new series, *What Are You Praying For?*, with a message titled *Freedom From and Freedom For* from Romans 7:1-14.

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.



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IN MEMORIAM:

Lorri Chappell

April 2, 2026

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Bob Keefer

Monday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

To view upcoming memorials, visit firstprescos.org/memorials

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Hensley

By Margaret, Dan & Susan

Connie Kennedy

By Jamieson Kennedy

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join us on Wednesday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a gentle service of remembrance for anyone who has lost a loved one. Together, we will reflect, pray, and hold space for one another in hope and comfort. A reception in the Narthex will follow, offering a time to connect and be cared for in community. If you have any questions, please contact the Caring Ministries office at (719) 884-6145.

The Happenings

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

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Join our church family for 40 Days in a Spirit of Prayer, April 15–May 24. Together we will seek the Lord through prayer, fasting, and times of gathering as we pray for our church, our city, and our world. Visit our webpage to learn more and sign up for daily prayer prompts.

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



FELLOWS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

We have a real need for Fellows host families this year. By opening your home for nine months, you offer more than a place to stay—you share life, faith, and hospitality with a young adult growing in Christ. Families of all stages can serve in this meaningful way. Maybe yours is next?

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOSTFAMILIES](https://firstprescos.org/hostfamilies)



JOHN GOODALE'S RETIREMENT

Please join us to celebrate John Goodale and his 31 years of ministry here at First Pres. We will be honoring him with a service in the Sanctuary starting at 1 pm on April 18, 2026, followed by a reception in the Worship Center to fellowship with each other.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GOODALE](https://firstprescos.org/goodale)



BAPTISM SERVICE TODAY!

Join us today at 1 p.m. in the Worship Center for a special Baptism Service as we celebrate those being baptized and those reaffirming their faith. Come share in this meaningful moment of joy, renewal, and community!



CAMP ELIM

Give your kids a week to unplug, have fun, and grow in their faith at Camp Elim, May 31–June 5. Open to incoming 3rd–6th graders, this high-energy week is filled with games, laughter, and time with God. Cost is \$550 per camper. Register now!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS](https://firstprescos.org/summercamps)

