



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF
WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
AUGUST 17, 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

Grand Choeur in C

Steve Williams, conductor; Steve Kindermann and Tim Baird, trumpet; Sarah Ford, french horn; Mark Burditt, trombone; Tyler Perea, tuba; Dr. Adam Haas, organ
Composer: Cesar Franck | Arranger: Craig Garner

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chris Owenby, director
Arranger: Dan Bird

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King | No. 2

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Greg Hartnett

SONG OF ADORATION

Build My Life

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, You have called us to new life in Christ. The gospel has come to us, and we came to Jesus—but we confess we do not always follow where He leads. You give us the gift of Christian community and fellowship, but we neglect to pray, serve, and build one another up. Forgive us for setting worldly priorities before You and our church family. Turn our hearts so that we may be steadfast in worship, joyful in fellowship, and faithful in service. Amen.

RESPONSE

Give Thanks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Gratitude

SERMON

Find your Pattern | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7

Rev. Greg Hartnett

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | No. 68

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Introduction

How Great Thou Art

Arranger: Eric Nelson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flourishes

Composer: Carlyle Sharpe

“For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.”

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Find Your People*, from 1 Thessalonians 1:8-2:6.

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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MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Wayne Troyer

Monday, August 18 at 1 p.m.

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

IN MEMORIAM:

Susan Bussard

August 7, 2025

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Aaron Rossin

by Mom and Dad

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)

COUNSELING COALITION

Mental health professionals and pastoral counselors are invited to our next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9, 12–1 p.m. Earn 1 continuing education credit hour, bring your lunch, and join us for these informative monthly gatherings. Questions? Call Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145.

The Happenings

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

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

Join us for an All-Church Picnic on Wednesday, August 27 from 5:30–8 p.m. in the Worship Center! Enjoy pulled pork, chicken, and all the fixings, plus bounce houses in the south lot and a chance to connect in the Plaza. Fun for all ages—don't miss it!



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)



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you ready to put down roots in our community of faith? Membership is your chance to explore your walk with Christ, see how it connects with God's work at First Pres, and share your faith story as we get to know you.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://firstprescos.org/membership)



GROWING TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS

GTW returns on September 3, and we're excited to kick off another season of learning, connection, and community for all ages. Visit our website to explore the schedule of classes and find a place to grow this fall!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GTW](https://firstprescos.org/gtw)



ALPHA

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)

