



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
MAY 24, 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

O Worship the King

Arranger: Joel Raney

Jaron Klassen, piano; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Composer: Tom Fettke

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 71

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

CELEBRATE REV. DAVE STEANE

SONG OF ADORATION

There Is a Higher Throne

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus, You are at the right hand of God interceding for us. You are for us and not against us. We know this, yet we persist in our attempts at sin management. If we could only clean up our act, work harder, and sin less, all would be well. Forgive us for thinking we can save ourselves. We admit that we are powerless and throw ourselves upon Your mercy. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may walk through whatever comes our way knowing that Your love will hold us fast.

RESPONSE

Grace Greater than Our Sin | No. 353

APOSTLES' CREED

Suzanne Gradin

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Arranger: Ryan Murphy

SERMON

Conquering Love

Romans 8:31-39 (*pg. 1718*)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

I Am Bound for the Kingdom

Arranger: Larry Shackley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

No. 544

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Arrangers: Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”

Romans 8:38-39

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass kicks off our new series, *The People of God*, with a message titled *Children of the Promise* from Romans 9:1-14.

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](https://firstprescos.org)/SUBSCRIBE

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



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IN MEMORIAM:

Jody Erwin

March 11, 2026

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Edward Scott - Memorial Central

Marj Fischer - Penrose Main

Please reach out to the church if you or another member are hospitalized.

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Eleanor Griffith, Walter & Beatrice Murray

By David & Lynne Murray & family

Naeda & Robert Wardwell

By Shane & Meredith Sherman

William Gordon

By Joan Gordon & family

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

MILITARY MUSTER:

Our next Military Muster will be Thursday, May 28 at 10 a.m. Chaplain Raymond Pettit will speak about veteran suicide programs and how we can help. All are welcome. More information at

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MILITARY](https://firstprescos.org/military)

STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING:

Called to be a more effective Christian caregiver? Join us in The Commons on May 31 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. to learn more, or call the Caring Ministries office at 719-884-6145.

The Happenings

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

SUMMER CAMPS

Join us this summer for faith, fun, and friendship at First Pres Summer Camps! Kids and students will enjoy worship, Bible teaching, outdoor adventures, games, creative activities, and more in a safe, welcoming, and Christ centered environment. Whether it's your child's first camp or a summer tradition, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Register today and make this a summer to remember!

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



NEW SERIES NEXT WEEK

Next week, we begin a new series exploring what it truly means to be the people of God. Through Scripture, we'll see how God's family is defined not by bloodline, but by faith in Christ, and how His promise extends to every race and nation. Join us as we discover the hope, identity, and belonging found in Him. Who will you invite?



VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Help make VBS unforgettable! Volunteer July 13-16 and invest in the next generation through games, teaching, and meaningful moments that point kids to Christ. There's a place for everyone!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/VBS](https://firstprescos.org/vbs)



PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

First Pres Preschool is now enrolling for Fall 2026-Spring 2027! Morning classes available, with free Pre-K for qualifying families. Learn more and register today!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/PRESCHOOLS](https://firstprescos.org/preschools)



NEW SERVICE TIMES

Big update! Beginning June 7, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to better serve our community. Classic Worship will be held at 8:30 and 10:15 am, and Modern Worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday School will run from 9:30-10:45 am, with kid drop-off beginning at 9:15.

