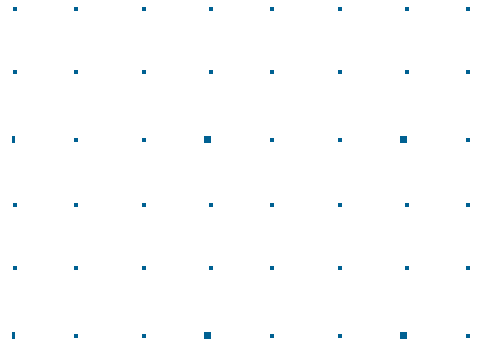




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
AUGUST 30, 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! 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.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fantaisie

Composer: Clifford Demarest

Jaron Klassen, piano; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord!

Composer: Jim DeJarnette

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass (8:30)

Rev. Greg Hartnett (10:15)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 87

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

SONG OF ADORATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 476

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we freely admit that we need
You every hour, for our every breath, for Your
sustaining power, and especially for Your grace
and mercy. We have slumbered our way through
life, often unaware of and insensitive to the
measure of our sins and offenses against You.
Rouse us from our stupor that we may cast
off the works of darkness and hate, and clothe
ourselves instead in Your armor of light and love.
Amen.

RESPONSE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No. 405

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan (8:30)

Suzanne Gradin (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Shift

Composer: Chris Owenby

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O How I Love Jesus

No. 109

SCRIPTURE READING

Leah Landolfi, Elder

SERMON

The Rule of Love

Romans 13:8-14 (*pg. 1726*)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Composer: Ryan Murphy

CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 358

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power

Arranger: Joel Raney

“The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:12

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass will preach a message titled *The Weak and the Strong*, from Romans 14:1-15.

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.



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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

IN MEMORIAM:

Clinton Knowles

August 25, 2026

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

George Sheffer - Penrose Main

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Paul & June Brown

By Don & Janet Bailey

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

COUNSELING COALITION

Members who are mental health professionals or pastoral counselors are invited to join our next meeting on Tuesday, September 8 from 12 to 1 p.m. All participants earn one (1) continuing education credit hour for attending. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us for these informative monthly get togethers. Meeting in Room 102. For questions, call Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145.

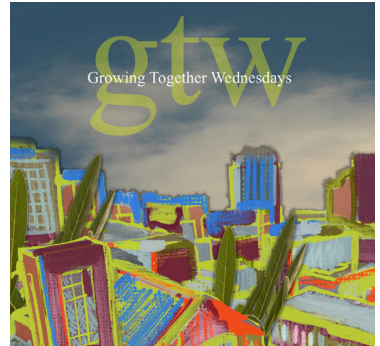
The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.
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GTW KICKOFF

Mark your calendars! Growing Together Wednesdays returns September 2. No matter where you are on your faith journey, you'll find a place to connect, grow and deepen your faith on Wednesday evenings at First Pres. With meaningful opportunities for adults, kids and students, there's something for everyone. Come enjoy a great meal, build lasting friendships and grow together as a church family!

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MOMCO KICKOFF

Moms, MOMCo is back! Join Wednesdays for moms of kids 6+ or Thursdays for moms of kids 6 and under, both 9-11 a.m. starting September 2 or 3. Enjoy coffee, breakfast, childcare, encouragement, and community as we do motherhood together. There's a seat for you!

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FALL GRIEF WORKSHOP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? You don't have to walk alone. Find healing and wholeness from a Christian perspective at our Grief Workshop, September 14-October 26, 2026, Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please arrive early the first night to check in and receive your materials.

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ALPHA

Beginning Thursday September 17, explore the Christian faith and your own spirituality at Alpha. It's a chance to explore and question the meaning of life, to discuss the "big stuff", share insights, and enjoy a meal with other attendees. It's fun, relaxed, and free. Registration is now open.

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SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP

A Life Group is a great way to find community, grow in your faith, and build meaningful friendships at First Pres. Stop by the signup table in the Plaza to learn more and find a Life Group where you can be known, supported, and encouraged as you follow Jesus together.

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