



FIRST PRES  
COLORADO SPRINGS



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.  
AUGUST 31, 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

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## PRELUDE

### **String Sextet in B-flat Major: Allegro ma Tranquillo**

Plein Aire Chamber Ensemble:

Elisa Wicks and Jacob Klock, violin;

Esther Nahm and Michael Sabatka, viola;

Jennifer Yopp and Emma Patterson, cello

*Composer: Erno Dohnányi*

## INTROIT

### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Steve Williams, conductor

*Arranger: Dan Bird*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ellen Dawson

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

No. 82

## DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Matt Holtzman

## SONG OF ADORATION

### **Fairest Lord Jesus** | No. 123

## COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we see the many ways you show your love to us. In the sharing of Your Son, you have modeled sacrificial love. In the creation of the Body of Christ, you have shown us how to live our lives together. And yet, we harden our hearts toward You and one another. Forgive us for focusing on our own needs instead of the needs of others. By Your Spirit, renew us, encourage us and shape us, that we may live lives worthy of Your call, both individually and as your Church. In Christ's Holy name we pray, Amen.

## RESPONSE

### **Blessed Assurance** | No. 426

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### **Apostles' Creed**

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### **This is My Word**

*Composer: Pepper Choplin*

## SERMON

### **Find your Place**

1 Thessalonians 2:7-13

Rev. Matt Holtzman

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### **Take My Life and Let It Be**

No. 466

Rachel West, vocalist

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### **Introduction**

### **The Work of Grace**

*Composer: Joseph Martin*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

### **Come, All Christians, Be Committed**

No. 459

Judith Meyer, vocalist

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### **String Sextet in B-flat Major: Finale, Animato**

*Composer: Erno Dohnányi*

**“So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”**

1 Thessalonians 2:8

## READ AHEAD!

Next week, on **Vision Sunday**, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

## 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](mailto:prayer@firstprescos.org)

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## NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK!

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

## FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

**Rex Adams**

by the Vogan family

**Dr. Paul & June Brown**

by Don & Janet Bailey

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

**Eugenie “Genie” Kerr**

Penrose Main

**Naomi Williamson**

St. Francis Medical Center

**DeLynne Dean**

Memorial Central

**Susan Stevens**

Memorial Central

## IN MEMORIAM:

**Helen Willard**

August 5, 2025

## COUNSELING COALITION

Mental health professionals and pastoral counselors are invited to our next meeting Tuesday, September 9, from 12-1 p.m. Earn 1 CE credit hour, bring your lunch, and join us for this monthly gathering. Questions? Call Caring Ministries at 719-884-6145.

# The Happenings

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

## VISION SUNDAY

The church is a living witness of the gospel, an outpost of the Kingdom making disciples. As we prepare First Pres for the future, we stand as an emblem of God's heart to seek and save the lost of Colorado Springs. The gospel rings out from a strong, vital church. Join us next Sunday, September 7, as we take this step together!



## MARRIAGE RETREAT

You're Invited! Join us Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 2025 for a Marriage Retreat in Estes Park — a peaceful, spirit-filled weekend to renew your bond, refresh your faith, and reconnect with joy!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MARRIAGERETREAT](https://firstprescos.org/marriageretreat)



## SERVE IN THE NURSERY!

Help our youngest church members experience God's love through play, stories, and care in a warm, nurturing space. We're looking for volunteers with a heart for children to join us in creating this loving space!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SERVE](https://firstprescos.org/serve)



## 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)

