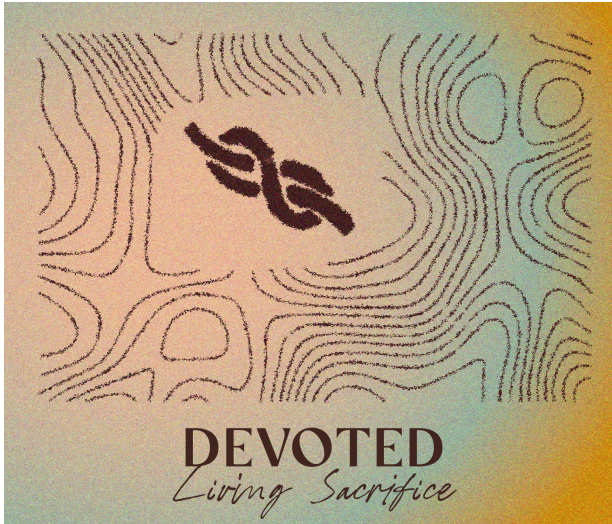




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
JULY 26, 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.

LIGHT + LIFE *for the* CITY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arranger: Ruth Elaine Schram

Drew Pritchard and Tim Baird, trumpet;
Sarah Ford, horn; Mark Burditt, trombone;
Tyler Perea, tuba; Dr. Adam Haas, piano;
Steve Williams, conductor

INTROIT

Lord, Here Am I

Composer: John Ness Beck

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 106

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass (8:30)

SONG OF ADORATION

I Speak Jesus

Andy Burtschi, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;
Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Rachel West, vocalist

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful Father, we confess that though You have shown us immeasurable mercy in Jesus Christ, we have not always surrendered ourselves fully to You. We confess that we often hold tightly to our own plans, desires, and comforts instead of offering our lives as living sacrifices for Your glory. We confess that we are easily shaped by the voices and values of this world. We seek the approval of others more than Your pleasure, and we allow things that cannot satisfy to take the place that belongs to You alone. Forgive us, Lord. By the power of Your Spirit, renew our minds and transform our hearts. Teach us to live lives devoted to Christ—faithful to Your Word, surrendered to Your will, and ready to serve wherever You lead. In your name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

Holy Forever

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan (8:30)

Linda Boyles (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

My Eternal King

Composer: Jane Marshal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

No. 320

SERMON

Devoted

Romans 12:1-2 (*pg. 1723*)

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

CLOSING HYMNS

Take My Life and Let It Be

No. 466

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 508

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arranger: Lisa Nelson

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

Romans 12:1

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Nate Stratman will preach a message titled, *Aware*, from Romans 12:3-8.

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:

Linda Eberhart

July 7, 2026

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

William Gordon

By Joan Gordon & family

James McCoy

By Myra, Sarah, David & families

Jay Bouton

By Annie & Rob Foster

Scott Newton

By Adam & Michelle Gutschick & family

Flowers by He Loves Me Flowers

COUNSELING COALITION

If you have a counseling need, we have a Counseling Coalition. Please call the Caring Ministries Office 719-884-6145.

The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.
FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR

CROSSFIRE FOOD COLLECTION

Join us next Sunday, August 2, as we welcome Crossfire Ministries and celebrate the new refrigerated van purchased through the 2026 Give Back The Blessing Campaign. Stop by the Weber Street entrance between services to tour the van, enjoy a popsicle, and learn how God is at work through Crossfire in our community.



FIRE RELIEF FUNDS

As the body of Christ, we are called to care for those in need. Please pray for those affected by the Colorado wildfires and the earthquakes in Venezuela, and consider supporting relief efforts. To give, visit the link below and select "Fire Relief" or "Earthquake Relief."

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WE'RE HIRING!

Are you called to serve God with passion and excellence? First Pres is a Christ-centered team committed to sharing the light and life of Christ in Colorado Springs. If you feel called to this work, we invite you to apply.. If you feel called to this work, we invite you to apply.

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ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS

If you know someone who would be a great fit to serve as an elder or deacon, nomination forms are available at the Welcome Desk and online. Help shape the future leadership of our church by submitting a nomination today.



ROMANS 11 WORSHIP SONG AVAILABLE

If you were encouraged by last week's message from Rev. Matt Holtzman, you can continue reflecting on Romans 11 through the original worship song he composed to accompany the sermon. Listen to or download the song by visiting the link below!

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