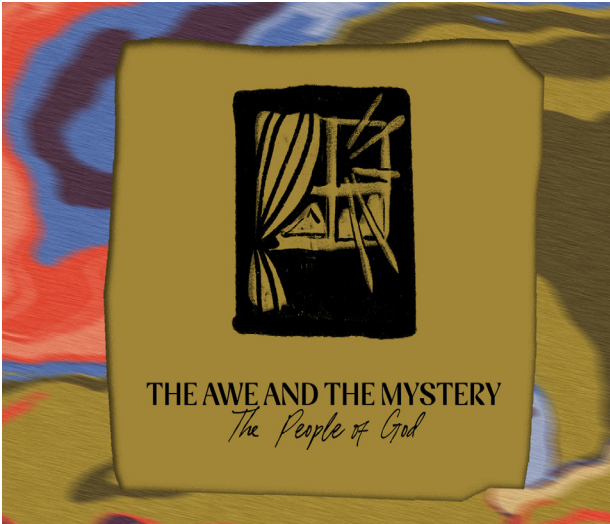
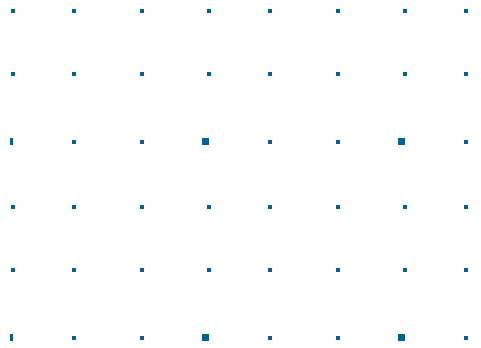




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COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
JULY 19, 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

Blessed Assurance

Arranger: Duane Funderburk

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Elisa Wicks, violin;
Dr. Adam Haas, piano

INTROIT

With a Voice of Singing

Composer: Martin Shaw

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 59

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Matt Holtzman (8:30)

VBS RECAP

SONG OF ADORATION

My Jesus, I Love Thee | No. 468

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often seek to understand everything rather than trust in Your wisdom. We want Your ways to fit within our understanding and Your purposes to match our plans. Forgive us for forgetting that You are sovereign. Teach us to rest in the mystery of Your grace that has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. May we rest in Him alone. We pray this with gratitude, in the name of our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance | No. 426

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan (8:30)

Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

How Great Thou Art

Arranger: Chris Owenby

HYMN OF PREPARATION

How Great Thou Art

SCRIPTURE READING

Bonnie Ortivez, Elder

SERMON

The Awe and the Mystery

Romans 11:25-36 (*pg. 1723*)

Rev. Matt Holtzman

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CLOSING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

No. 136

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Composer: Albert Renaud

**“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!”**

Romans 11:33

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass kicks off our new series, *Living Sacrifice*, with a message titled *Devoted*, from Romans 12:1-2.

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

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Nancy Wheeler - Memorial Central

Frank Zautcke Sr - Memorial North

Please contact the church if you or a member are hospitalized.

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Virginia J. Teats

By Gary & Vickie Sherwood & Merah & Erin & families

Billy Jean Vinson

By Edwin Nesselroad, Paul & Paula Butcher, & Nancy Burroughs

MILITARY MUSTER

Our next Military Muster will be Thursday July 23 at 10 a.m. Experience the joy of fellowship as we grow together and build our Christian lives. All active duty military, veterans, spouses and family members are welcome!

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COMMUNION AT HOME

If you or someone you know is unable to attend church and would like to receive home communion on August 2, please contact your deacon or the Caring Ministries office at (719) 884-6145 or deaconoffice@firstprescos.org.

The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.
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NEW SERIES: LIVING SACRIFICE

What does true discipleship look like? Our next series, Living Sacrifice, begins Sunday July 26! Join us as we spend four weeks in Romans 12, exploring Paul's practical guide to Christian living. Discover what it means to offer your whole life to Christ as a living sacrifice and see how following Jesus transforms your relationship with God, yourself, and others.



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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CROSSFIRE FOOD COLLECTION

Save the date! Join us on 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.



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.

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ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTION

Beginning July 20, Elevators 2 and 3 will be under construction until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this time. Please use Elevator 1 to access the Sanctuary level. Thank you for your understanding as we work to improve our facilities!

