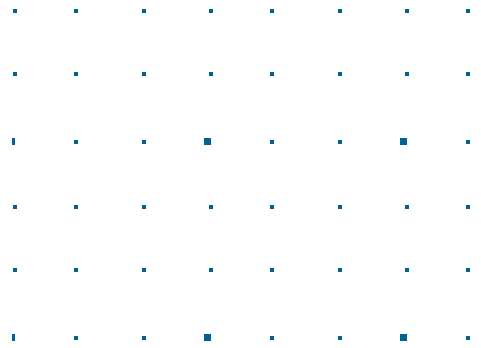




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
SEPTEMBER 6, 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

Piano Quintet op. 30: Andante cantabile

Composer: Carl Fröhling

Veronika Afanassieva and Elisa Wicks, violin;
Matthew Diekman, viola; Gerald Miller, cello;
Dr. Adam Haas, piano

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord!

Composer: Jim DeJarnette

Chris Owenby, director

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. Dr. Mateen Ellass (8:30)

SONG OF ADORATION

Jesus Paid It All

APOSTLES' CREED

Ashley Anderson

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Depth of Mercy

Composer: David Rasbach

SCRIPTURE READING

Wendy Buckler, Elder

SERMON

The Weak and the Strong

Romans 14:1-15 (pg. 1726)

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

His Robes for Mine

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Piano Quintet op. 30: Finale

Composer: Carl Fröhling

“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

Romans 14:8

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Room For the Spirit*, from Romans 14:16-18.

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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MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Rob Haenze

Tuesday, September 8 at 2 p.m.

To view upcoming memorials, visit firstprescos.org/memorialservices

IN MEMORIAM:

Rob Haenze - August 27, 2026

Shirlee Doughty- August 28, 2026

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Steve Morgan

By his dad

Eugene & Harriet Ballenger & Ronald Ballenger

By Pegi Ballenger & Ray Parry

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

DEACON FUND

Every Communion Sunday, our congregation is invited to give to the Deacon Fund, which provides assistance to those facing hardship and supports ministries of care for those who are hurting. Envelopes are available in the pew racks, or you may designate your gift to the Deacon Fund.

The Happenings

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

VISION SUNDAY

Vision Sunday is coming September 13! Join us for a meaningful morning of worship as we look ahead to where God is leading First Pres and what's ahead for our church family. Come ready to be encouraged, inspired, and challenged as we explore what it means to take your next step in belonging, growing in faith, and living on mission together. All worship services will meet at their regularly scheduled times.



FALL CITY SERVE

Join First Pres on Saturday, October 3, at 9 a.m. as we roll up our sleeves and love our city through CityServe! Serve alongside neighbors across Colorado Springs, support local organizations, meet real needs, and make a tangible difference. Let's show up for our city!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CITYSERVE](https://firstprescos.org/cityserve)



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.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GRIEFWORKSHOP](https://firstprescos.org/griefworkshop)



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.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TRYALPHA](https://firstprescos.org/tryalpha)



MOMCO

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. Enjoy coffee, breakfast, childcare, encouragement, and community as we do motherhood together. There's a seat for you! Invite a friend!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MOMCO](https://firstprescos.org/momco)

