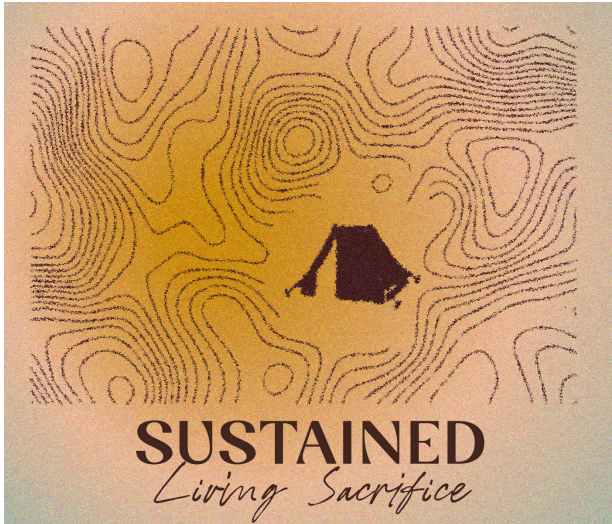




FIRST PRES  
COLORADO SPRINGS



## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY  
AUGUST 16, 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: Dan Miller*

Dr. Adam Haas, organ

## INTROIT

### **Lord, Here Am I**

*Composer: John Ness Beck*

Chris Owenby, director

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Holtzman

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

No. 56

## DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

## SONG OF ADORATION

### **Majesty**

No. 43

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful Father, You have shown us immeasurable mercy in Jesus Christ. Yet we confess that we often fail to extend that same mercy to others. We hold onto resentment, return hurt with hurt, and allow pride and anger to shape our responses instead of the humility and love of Christ. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to live at peace with others, for the times we have been overcome by evil rather than overcoming evil with good. Transform our hearts by Your Spirit, that we would bless those who oppose us, seek the good of others, and reflect the grace we have received. Help us to follow the way of Jesus and overcome evil with good. Amen.

## RESPONSE

### **And Can It Be | No. 366**

## APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass (8:30)

Rev. Greg Hartnett (10:15)

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### **Silence the Stones**

*Composer: Craig Courtney*

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

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### **Speak, O Lord**

*Arranger: Mary McDonald*

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

### **There Is a Redeemer**

No. 117

Rachel West, vocalist

## SERMON

### **Sustained**

Romans 12:14-21 (pg. 1725)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

## CLOSING HYMN

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

No. 466

## CHARGE + BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### **Finale from Symphony No. 2**

*Composer: Charles-Marie Widor*

**“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”**

Romans 12:21

## READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell kicks off our next series, *Life Together*, with a message titled *Honor Is Due* from Romans 13:1-7.

## 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](mailto: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:

**Mr. Steve Miranda**

Monday, August 17 at 1 p.m.

To view upcoming memorials, visit [firstprescos.org/memorialservices](http://firstprescos.org/memorialservices)

## IN MEMORIAM:

**Cathy Ewing**

July 31, 2026

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

**Claudia Mitchell** - Penrose Main

## FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

**Aaron Rossin**

By Mom & Dad

*Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers*

## COUNSELING COALITION

Mental health professionals and pastoral counselors: Join us September 8, noon-1 p.m., and earn one CE credit. Bring your lunch! Questions: 719-884-6145.

## MILITARY MUSTER

Join us for Military Muster on Thursday, August 27, at 10 a.m. All active-duty military, veterans, spouses, and family members are welcome for Christian fellowship!

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# The Happenings

Find all upcoming events online.  
**FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FIRST PRES!

As we celebrate First Pres' 154th birthday, we thank God for generations of faithful ministry—and look with joy toward all that's ahead. Your Birthday Gift will help care for and improve our outdoor spaces, Kids Min areas, Weber Student Center and Worship Center. Every gift, large or small, is a blessing! Give online and select "Birthday Gift."

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## CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Bring the whole family and join us for our Churchwide Picnic on August 26 from 5:30–8 p.m.! This special evening will bring every generation of our church family together for delicious food, meaningful fellowship and plenty of fun. Come connect with familiar faces, meet someone new and enjoy a wonderful evening as one church family.



## 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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## GTW KICKOFF

Mark your calendars! GTW returns on September 2. No matter where you are on your faith journey, we have something for you on Wednesday evenings at First Pres. We also have offerings for kids and students to make friends and learn.

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JULY 2026

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Budgeted Contribution Income through July. . . . . | \$4,557,500 |
| Actual Contribution Income through July. . . . .   | \$4,413,077 |
| Below Budget through July. . . . .                 | – \$144,423 |

Thank you for your generosity in prayer and financial commitment  
as we serve together in our mission of being **Light + Life for the City!**