



**FIRST PRES**  
COLORADO SPRINGS



## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.  
APRIL 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! 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**

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### **This Is My Father's World**

*Arranger: Duane Funderburk*

Elisa Wicks, violin; Dr. Adam Haas, piano

## INTROIT

### **The Majesty and Glory of Your Name**

*Composer: Tom Fettke*

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. Dr. Tim McConnell

## SONGS OF ADORATION

### **How Great Is Our God**

*Composer: Rachel West*

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;  
Rick Baisden, guitar; Elisa Wicks, violin;  
Rachel West, vocalist

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin, unable to do the good we desire. We feel the tension within us, longing to delight in Your will while struggling against the weakness of our flesh. Forgive us, for though we truly want to do what is right, we fall captive to sin. Lord, we ask you to deliver us from all that binds us and renew us by Your Spirit. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who sets us free to walk in newness of life. Amen.

## RESPONSE

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrah

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### **It Is Well**

*Arranger: John Ness Beck*

## SERMON

### **Inner Peace**

Romans 7:15-25 (*pg. 1716*)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** | No. 461

*Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### **Give Me Jesus**

*Arranger: Chris Owenby*

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

## CLOSING HYMN

### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

No. 358

## CHARGE + BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### **Toccata in G Major**

*Composer: Theodore Dubois*

**“I do not understand what I do.  
For what I want to do I do not do,  
but what I hate I do.”**

Romans 7:15

## READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Greg Hartnett will preach a message titled *Resurrection Life*, from Romans 8:1-11.

## 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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## IN MEMORIAM:

**Barbara DiFiore**

March 27, 2026

## NO MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

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

## FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

**Ardsley Congdon, Carol & Vern Krapf & J-Lynn Congdon**

By Pamela Congdon

**Ed Springer**

By Mary Ann Springer

**Bruce, Margot & John Lane**

By Phil & Anita Lane

**Jim VerSteeg**

By Barbara VerSteeg & family

**Dr. Frank Sheppard**

By Kang Lee Sheppard

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

## STEPHEN MINISTRY:

If you're experiencing a challenging season of life and would like someone to talk to, our Stephen Ministers are here for you. This opportunity for weekly one-on-one listening and encouragement is available by contacting the Caring Ministry office at 719-884-6145.

# The Happenings

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

## EPNC UPDATE

The Elders of Session have called a Congregational Meeting for May 3 at 12:30 pm in the Worship Center. The purpose of this meeting will be “To affirm the promotion of Rev. Greg Hartnett to serve as Executive Pastor.” In the meantime, you can visit our webpage to learn more about the process that led to Greg’s recommendation by the EPNC.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/EPNC](https://firstprescos.org/epnc)



## FELLOWS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

We have a real need for Fellows host families this year. By opening your home for nine months, you offer more than a place to stay—you share life, faith, and hospitality with a young adult growing in Christ. Families of all stages can serve in this meaningful way. Maybe yours is next?

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOSTFAMILIES](https://firstprescos.org/hostfamilies)



## WOMEN’S WORSHIP NIGHT

Come gather with other women for a night of worship and prayer. Join your sisters in Christ in the Worship Center from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Free childcare available. Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/WOMEN](https://firstprescos.org/women)



## NEW ALBUM: ALIVE

Out now! The Alive: Worship Experience album features songs conceived and written by and for the gathered church. Recorded on location at Glen Eyrie in Colorado. Available on all streaming platforms and YouTube.

[LIGHTANDLIFEWORSHIP.COM](https://lightandlifeworship.com)



## DERBY DAY TEA PARTY

Just us on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the bond between moms and daughters at Derby Day! Ages 2+ are \$15, and children under two are free. Please include them in your registration.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TEAPARTY](https://firstprescos.org/teaparty)

