

TODAY'S SERMON

THE KISS OF FRIENDSHIP

In the Company of Friends

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 · ROMANS 16:8-16 · LIGHT + LIFE *for* THE CITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

PRELUDE
How Great Thou Art
Arranger: Dan Miller
Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT
I Will Praise You, O Lord!
Composer: David T. Clydesdale
Chris Owenby, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Ellen Dawson

HYMN OF PRAISE
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
No. 106

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION
Rev. Greg Hartnett (8:30)
Rev. Ellen Dawson (10:15)

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (8:30)
Avery Ann Somers, born on April 3, 2026, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 8:30 a.m. service. She is the beloved child of Eric and Elizabeth Somers.

HYMN OF ADORATION
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing **· No. 96**

CALL TO CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that the things of this world keep us from treasuring the gift of Christian friendship. We allow pride, impatience, busyness and indifference to hinder the compassion we are called to show one another. Forgive us for being overly consumed with our own concerns.

Forgive us for neglecting the friendships You have graciously given to us. Renew our hearts by Your grace, that we might love one another with the tenderness and faithfulness of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE
God of Grace and God of Glory **· No. 569**
Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion; Wayne Wilkinson, guitar

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
Rev. Dr. Eunice McGarrahan (8:30)
Rev. Matt Holtzman (10:15)

Abide with Me
Arranger: Chris Owenby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SERMON
THE KISS OF FRIENDSHIP
Romans 16:8-16 (pg. 1729)
Rev. Greg Hartnett

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
He Leadeth Me
Arranger: Gilbert Martin

CLOSING HYMN
There Is a Redeemer **· No. 117**

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Toccata on Built on the Rock
Arranger: Gordon Young

Belong
AT FIRST PRES

We would love to meet you. Whether you are looking for community, a place to serve, or answers to questions about faith, someone is waiting to walk with you. Stop by the BELONG HUB in the Plaza after the service.

THE WORD FOR TODAY

"Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings."

ROMANS 16:16

TODAY: NEW MEMBERS!

Join us in celebrating those who have recently joined the First Pres family! Pick up a brochure at the front desk or ask an usher to learn more about our newest members.

NEXT WEEK:

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell preaches *Loving and Wise*, exploring Romans 16:17-23. Read the passage ahead of Sunday and come ready to worship and learn together!

CARE

NO ONE HURTS ALONE

FLOWER FUND, IN MEMORY OF:

Ursula Riddle
By Bob Riddle

Terry Busby
By Joyce, Shelly & Sienna Busby

Helen Kennedy
By Jamieson & Mary Kay Kennedy

Robert Stauffer
By Marianne & families

Flowers by: He Loves Me Flowers

IN MEMORIAM:

Ray Lundsten
October 30, 2026

John Cunning
November 3, 2026

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Bill Rhea
St. Francis Medical Center

NEED PRAYER?

Find a Prayer Team member wearing a red lanyard, Or email your request to prayer@firstprescos.org

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COMING UP AT FIRST PRES

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ONGOING

Commitment Cards

There's still time to submit your 2027 commitment card! Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the mission of First Pres. Together, we bring the light and life of Christ to our city and beyond.

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NOV 23 | 6 PM

Holiday Blues Workshop

The holidays can bring joy, but grief, loss, and life's challenges can make this season difficult. Join us for the Help for the Holiday Blues Workshop to discover practical ways to cope and find joy again.

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DEC 4 + 5 | 9:30 AM

Women's Christmas Celebration

Women, start off your holiday season with this year's delightful Christmas Celebration, "Coming Home To Christmas!" Enjoy brunch, entertainment, cordial conversation and this year's speaker, Abigail McConnell. Tickets available in the Plaza.

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DEC 12 | 9:30 AM

Men's Christmas Brunch

Join us for our annual Men's Christmas Brunch! Enjoy great food, Christmas carols featuring our Brass Ensemble, and an inspiring message from guest speaker Dave Swingley. A wonderful morning of fellowship and Christmas cheer!

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Veterans Day

Join us November 11, for our Veterans Recognition Program featuring retired Army Colonel Lorie Brown, an Army nurse on duty at the Pentagon on 9/11. Come hear her remarkable story in person!

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Sharing Our Story

Because First Pres was recognized as a Best Christian Workplace, Pastor Tim was invited to share our story and journey on their podcast, highlighting what makes our church culture special.

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