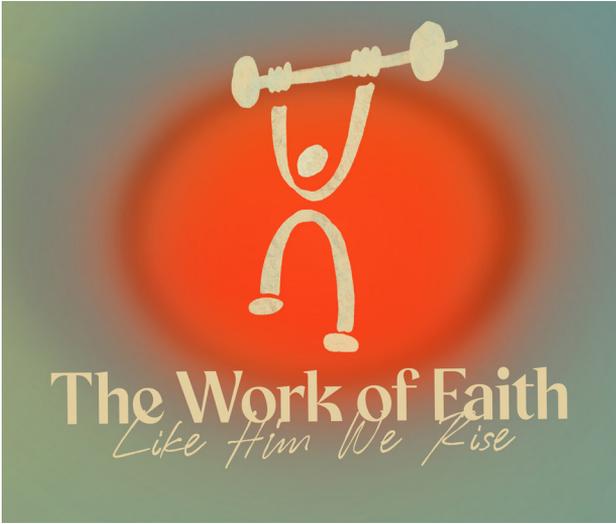
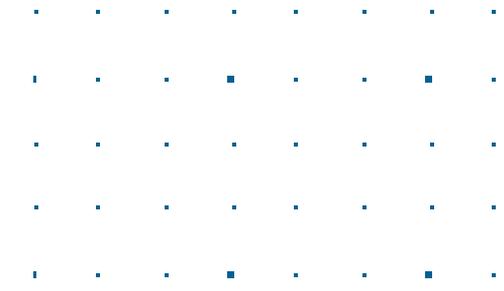




FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M.
MARCH 8, 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

New Day Fanfare

Composer: Sandra Eithun

Vivace Ringers; Jan Weiser, director

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Arranger: Brenda Austin

INTROIT

Behold the Lamb of God

Composer: G.F. Handel

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. John Goodale

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

No. 56

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

BAPTISM VIDEO

HYMN OF ADORATION

My Jesus, I Love Thee | No. 468

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gracious God, we acknowledge that You are the Creator and we are Your creatures. Too often we live as if You did not exist or have any claim upon us. We neglect You even after how much You've done for us. We are people of unclean lips and lives. We say and do things that are hurtful to others. We leave things unsaid and undone that could have brought joy or comfort to someone else. Please forgive us and change our hearts. Amen.

RESPONSE

At the Cross | No. 258

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Wayne Wilkinson, guitar; Elisa Wicks, violin

SERMON

The Work of Faith

Romans 4:1-12 (*pg. 1712*)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

Rachel West, vocalist

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Arranger: Wilberg

Elisa Wicks, violin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

And Can It Be | No. 366

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

Arranger: J. Christopher Pardini

Dr. Adam Haas, organ

**“What does Scripture say?
‘Abraham believed God, and it was
credited to him as righteousness.’”**

Romans 4:3

READ AHEAD!

Next week, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell will preach a message titled *Trust God* from Romans 4:13-25.

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:



@firstprescos

IN MEMORIAM:

Noria Gerig

February 27, 2026

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Judi Lee - Memorial Central

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

FLOWER FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Richard Blankinship

By Marvin, Christina, Jack, Margot & Audrey Harrell

Robert Roulier

By Marcia Roulier, Neil & Robin, Elaine & Erich & families

SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

Share the Joy of Easter honors the memory of a loved one through a gift to the Deacons' Fund. Contributions provide Easter plants to grieving members of our congregation and our Special Care Friends, with honorees listed in the Easter Sanctuary bulletin. Cards are available at the welcome desk or online at:

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SHARETHEJOY

SESSION

Our Session meets regularly to pray, seek God's direction for First Pres, and provide spiritual leadership and missional governance. These meetings are open for members to come and observe. While discussion and voting are reserved for active elders, your presence is welcome! Contact eroth@firstprescos.org.

The Happenings

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

CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us Sunday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Worship Center for a congregational town hall to review proposed revisions to the First Pres Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. These documents must be approved by the congregation, and this meeting will provide an opportunity to hear about the updates and offer input. Attorney Frank Sommerville, a nationally recognized expert in church law and tax matters, will join us from Texas to help guide the discussion. The meeting will conclude around 1:30 p.m.



COMPASSION VR EXPERIENCE

Experience Compassion International's virtual reality event at First Pres on Saturday, March 14! Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Worship Center for this 25-30 minute experience that offers a glimpse into the life of a family living in extreme poverty and the hope made possible through child sponsorship. No registration required!



GIVE BACK THE BLESSING

Each year we bless our city and world by meeting real needs. In 2026, we're equipping the Body of Christ for service. Join us in Give Back the Blessing and celebrate what God is doing in Colorado Springs and around the world. Give today to the 2026 campaign.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GBTB](https://firstprescos.org/gbtb)



BAPTISM SERVICE

If you have recently come to faith in Jesus and would like to be baptized, or wish to celebrate your baptism with a public immersion, please sign up to speak with a pastor and join us for the Baptism Service on April 12 at 1 p.m.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/BAPTISM](https://firstprescos.org/baptism)



LENT AT FIRST PRES

Visit our Lent page to see the full schedule of services this season. Come prepare your heart for Easter with us—and think about who you might invite to walk through Lent alongside you.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/LENT](https://firstprescos.org/lennt)

