

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30 MARCH 18)

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Hebrews 12:3

## GATHERING MUSIC

*"The Church's One Foundation" . . . . . arr. Pethel*  
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## ORGAN PRAISE

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Frank Shelton

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## \* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 72, vs. 1, 3

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Doug Moden, Trumpets

## \* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

## \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*\*WELCOME AND GREETING

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**\* SONG OF PRAISE**

*"10,000 Reasons"* ..... Myrin, Redman  
Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar; Marc Neihof, Bass;  
Scott Barbier, Percussion; Mark Bovee, Keyboard

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**\* RESPONSE**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** Stan Stevens, Elder

**LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*"Be Still My Soul"* ..... arr. Bird  
Nancy Brown, Oboe

**SERMON**

**REALLY? Untruths Uncovered**  
**"Suffering Debunks God"** Hebrews 12:1-13 Tom Pipkin

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"For Every Mountain"* . . . . . Carr, Cymbala  
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 428, vs. 1, 2, 4**  
*"When Peace Like a River"*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Psalm XIX"* . . . . . Marcello

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

- \* **HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 68** vs. 1, 2, 3  
*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

## SERMON

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**PREPARE all GENERATIONS to IMPACT LIVES for CHRIST**

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP (9:00 and 11:00)**

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### **GATHERING MUSIC**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Jennifer Holz

**SONGS OF WORSHIP** Chris Cullins and Greg Hartnett

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**\*CHILDREN'S SERMON** (11:00) Danny Shaw

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** Elders: Heather Bauman, 9 a.m. and Linda Boyles, 11 a.m.

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**SONG OF RESPONSE**

**BENEDICTION**

Our **Prayer Team** is available to pray for you in the front of the Worship Center following the service.

\* Children 3–Kindergarten are invited to **Bible Break** after the Children's Sermon during the 11 a.m. service.

Check your potty-trained children in at a check-in station if you'd like them to attend.

Pick up children in Room 236 promptly after the service concludes. Children are always welcome in worship.

# HAPPENINGS

## Holy Week at First Pres

### **\*Palm Sunday Concert**

The Truth Will Set You Free

March 25, 4-5:30 p.m.

### **Service of Guided Reflection**

March 26, 12-12:45 p.m.

### **\*Maundy Thursday Communion**

March 29, 7 p.m.

### **\*Good Friday Ecumenical Service**

March 30, 12-3 p.m., with organ meditation at 11:30 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Services:** 6 a.m. sunrise service, Sanctuary services at 7, \*8:30, \*10 and \*11:30 a.m. and Worship Center services at \*9 and \*11 a.m.

**Many volunteers are needed** to welcome and guide guests into Easter worship on April 1. Sign up today in the Plaza or in the Narthex area.

**Easter Flowers** – Make a \$10 contribution toward the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of your loved one. Names of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Deadline is March 19. Pick up a “Share the Joy of Easter” order form at the Plaza desk or print at [www.first-pres.org/easterflowers](http://www.first-pres.org/easterflowers).

**There will be no** Sunday morning communities, children’s program, youth program or Kaleo meetings on Easter Sunday.

**\*Nursery available, no registration needed.**

## **Curious About Jesus?**

He’s the reason we’re here! Ministers are available after each service and would love to listen and answer your questions.

## **New to First Pres?**

We’re so glad you’re with us. Greeters have a welcome gift for you and can help you find your way into the life of the church. Meet them at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary, and near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

**Give Back the Blessing** – This year’s special Palm Sunday offering will support important translation efforts in Mongolia and the new Family Connections Center here in Colorado Springs. Learn more at [www.first-pres.org/blessing2018](http://www.first-pres.org/blessing2018).

**Growing Together Wednesdays** classes meet at 3:45 and 6:15 p.m., with dinner at 4:45 p.m. March 21 caterer: Dickie’s BBQ.

## **Adults | 884-6117**

Is your existing small group looking for resources to use during Lent? Study guides are available at [www.first-pres.org/lifegroups](http://www.first-pres.org/lifegroups).

## **Men | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/men](http://first-pres.org/men)**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Tuesdays, 6:15 to 7:30 a.m. Led by Pat Hartsock. Register at [www.first-pres.org/men](http://www.first-pres.org/men).

## **Women | 884-6117 | [first-pres.org/women](http://first-pres.org/women)**

WOW Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We’re studying Kirkie Morrissey’s book, *Where Are You, God? Questions of the Heart*. Register at [www.first-pres.org/women](http://www.first-pres.org/women).



**Students | 884-6220 | [first-pres.org/students](http://first-pres.org/students)**

High School meets Sunday morning and night. 5th through 8th graders meet Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

**Children | 884-6126 | [first-pres.org/children](http://first-pres.org/children)**

On Sundays, preschoolers meet on the 2nd floor at 10 a.m.; K-4th graders meet on the 3rd floor at 10 a.m.

**Nursery | 884-6139 | [first-pres.org/nursery](http://first-pres.org/nursery)**

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events. Volunteers needed for Thursday mornings! Contact Beth Morrison: [bmorrison@first-pres.org](mailto:bmorrison@first-pres.org).

**Mission Engagement | 884-6233 | [first-pres.org/missions](http://first-pres.org/missions)**

Our ESM Donation Sunday has moved to the second week of April to accommodate Easter Sunday. April ESM Donation Sunday will be on April 8th.

Gifts to  
Sanctuary Flower Fund  
*In Memory of:*

Our son, M. Scott Billingsley  
by Michael and Diane Billingsley

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mr. Robert C. Duke 3/8/18  
Mrs. Bernadine McKellar 3/7/18

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord  
may be found at [www.first-pres.org/memorials](http://www.first-pres.org/memorials).

**Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | [first-pres.org/care](http://first-pres.org/care)**

The Spring Grief Workshop will run Mondays April 9 – May 21, 2018, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you have experienced the death of a loved one or close friend any time in the past, this workshop is for you. Brochures are available in the information racks throughout the Church. [first-pres.org/grief](http://first-pres.org/grief)

**Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | [first-pres.org/jobs](http://first-pres.org/jobs)**

Nursery, part-time; Cafe 225 Barista, part-time;  
High School Ministry Associate, full-time;  
Middle School Ministry Associate, full-time

**WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS**

**Mission Emphasis:** The Mission Medical Clinic is a free clinic in Colorado Springs providing physical and mental health services as well as durable goods to allow low income men and women dignity by having these basic needs supplied. Pray that as needs increase, volunteers will apply and funds and goods increase.

**Local Church:** Passion City Church

**Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:**

**Penrose Main**

Mr. Ed Springer  
Mrs. Elaina McCrery

**Health Care Resort**

Ms. Ann Thomas

**Health Rehab**

Ms. Julie Blackmun

**Center at Centennial**

Mrs. Dorean Arneson  
Mrs. Barb DeJarnette  
Mr. Jack Timberlake

**Memorial Central**

Baby Harvey Prins

**Denver Hospital**

Mr. John Yates