

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30)

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Esther 4:14

GATHERING MUSIC

"Celebration Fanfare" Forsbald
Brass Ensemble; Stephen Hock, Director

ORGAN PRAISE

"Introduction to the Hymn of Praise" Cherwien
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INTROIT

"Come, Let Us Worship God!" DeJarnette
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 24) Jennifer Holz

Leader: He is the King of Glory!
People: Worthy of praise and honor!
Leader: He is the Lord strong and mighty!
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* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 2, vs. 1, 3, 4

"O Worship the King"
Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Grace Alone" Brown, Nelson
Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar; Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

* Congregation standing.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** RESPONSE**

"Grace Flows Down" Giglio, Bell and Padgett

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed** Tom Pipkin

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Jude Henry Lofton, son of Brad and Kate Lofton

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Crowns" arr. Falldorf
Vivace Ringers; Susan Hedgpeth, Director

SERMON

WHO KNOWS? Seven Stories to Inspire
"Esther" Esther 4:11-16 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Praise You" Goodine

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“We’re Called Into God’s Story”

We’re called into God’s story;
His Kingdom and His Way.
Give all for Jesus’ glory –
Surrender all in faith!

Refrain: The story God is writing
Is merging ours with His!
And life anew is rising,
As Christ within us lives!

Who knows but He has called us,
For such a time as this?
Let self give way to Jesus,
And gain the life He gives! *Refrain*

God knows us and He sees us;
He knows the plans He’s made!
Surrender all to Jesus,
And walk with Him in faith! *Refrain*

Words: James DeJarnette; tune Lancashire

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” Gheradeschi

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*** HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 426, vs. 1-3**

“Blessed Assurance”

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

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GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Holtzman

SONGS OF WORSHIP Greg Hartnett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00 a.m.) Danny Shaw

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 through 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

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.

For the Whole Church Family

Get-Set Preschool. On April 29 we celebrate Get-Set Sunday. This year we praise God for Director Delma Cliett and her 28 years of service leading our Get-Set program. Delma retires at the end of this school year. We will host a reception from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Get-Set classrooms, welcome this year's Get-Set Class in Sunday worship, and receive food gifts to fill the Get-Set pantry.

Summer Fun

Camps, day camps and trips are available for ages two through college. Check out offerings by age, plus our Music and Arts camps for many ages at www.first-pres.org/summer.

Adults | 884-6117

Engaged Couples Workshop Weekend – April 27 and 28. Cost is \$80 per couple. Hosted by Pat and Ann Hartsock. Register at www.first-pres.org/ecw.

Women | 884-6117 | first-pres.org/women

Women's Life/MOPS Summer Bible Study, Mondays, June 4 through July 9, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 209. Cost is \$30. Register at www.first-pres.org/women.

Women's Summer Bible Study, Thursdays, June 7 through July 12, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Room. Cost is \$25. Register at www.first-pres.org/women.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students

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

Children | 884-6126 | 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.

First Pres Preschool is now enrolling students ages three through Pre-K for two- to four-day programs for the 2018-2019 school year. Call 884-6133 or visit www.first-pres.org/preschool.

Nursery | 884-6139 | first-pres.org/nursery

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

Mission Engagement | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions

An International Justice Mission Colorado Springs prayer gathering will take place April 25. For more information or to register, contact the Mission Engagement office.

Our first IHN/Family Promise hosting week of 2018 will be April 22-29. To sign up for specific needs, visit www.first-pres.org/ihspring2018.

For the month of April you can donate new or gently used children's books. All books will go to schools, doctor's offices and libraries through Pikes Peak United Way and EPIC. Drop off boxes will be on the 2nd floor, 3rd floor and in the library.

Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/care

The Spring Grief Workshop, Mondays, April 9 – May 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Spring Grief Workshop started last week. Monday, April 16, will be the last chance to sign up for this session. 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, or sign up at www.first-pres.org/grief.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs
Cafe 225 Barista, part-time; High School Ministry Associate, full-time; Middle School Ministry Associate, full-time; Nursery caregiver, part-time

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: The Morton family is moving to England where Christopher will work with the Navigators to restart the ministry at Oxford in a variety of innovative ways. Pray for the family as they resettle, as Tanya works at her new job, for the sale of their Colorado Springs home and for the necessary additional support needed in England.

Local Church: Pulpit Rock Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Main

Mr. Milt Eberhart

Ms. Gisela Johnson

Mr. Gene Harsh

St. Francis Medical Ctr.

Ms. Gail Bell

Memorial Central

Dr. Ron Fessenden

Advanced Health Rehab

Mr. Robert Ehle

Center at Centennial

Mr. Jack Timberlake

Ms. Marian Simpson

Brookdale Skyline

Ms. Tyre Williams

Health Care Resort

Ms. Ann Thomas

Gifts to
Sanctuary Flower Fund
In Memory of:

Florence Herrmann by Safford Herrmann
and Beverly Goodall

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Lawrence Wood 4/8/18

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at www.first-pres.org/memorials.