

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (September 3 - 8:30)

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GATHERING MUSIC

"How Great Is Our God" Tomlin/Reeves/Cash

ORGAN PRAISE

"Introduction to the Hymn of Praise" Hobby
Frank Shelton

INTROIT

"Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Bird
Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 43 and Daniel 7) John Goodale

Leader: *Come, Thou Almighty King!*

People: **Help us Thy name to sing!**

Leader: *Help us to praise, Father all glorious!*

People: **Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 148

"Come, Thou Almighty King" (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Doug Moden, Trumpet

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS

* SONG OF PRAISE

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African-American Spiritual

Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;
Jason Crowe, Bass; Aaron Turner, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION

* Congregation standing.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE, No. 492

“Spirit of the Living God” (vs. 1)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles’ Creed** Lydia Lockhart

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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Danny Shaw

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“My Tribute” Crouch

SERMON

FIRST THINGS FIRST

“First Serve Jesus” I Timothy 6:6-12 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“I Will Bless the Lord”Yannerella

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Our Sacred Work and Highest Call"

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To honor Jesus Christ!

With each new day, serve Jesus first!
Give Christ, our Lord, control.
We serve the God of righteousness,
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He's King of kings, and Lord of lords;
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Words: James DeJarnette; Tune: St. Anne

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Paraphrase of the Hymn of Response" Bender

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 466

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

SERMON

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"First Serve Jesus" | Timothy 6:6-12 Tim McConnell

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Katie Fowler

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

SONGS OF WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken Your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of Your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*11:00) Kathy Dobyms

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BENEDICTION

* Children 3 – Kindergarten can join us for **Bible Break** during the 11:00 a.m. service. Check your potty-trained children in at a check-in station if you'd like them to head upstairs during the second half of the service. Pick up children in Room 236 promptly after the service concludes. Children are always welcome in worship.

Stephen Ministers are available to pray for you up front following the service.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (September 3 - 6:30 p.m.)

I TIMOTHY 6:12

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

REFLECTION

"Everyone will be forgotten, nothing we do will make any difference, and all good endeavors, even the best, will come to naught. Unless there is God. If the God of the Bible exists, and there is a True Reality beneath and behind this one, and this life is not the only life, then every good endeavor, even the simplest ones, pursued in response to God's calling, can matter forever."
– Tim Keller

What good news do you sense the Lord saying to you tonight?



What is the Lord inviting you into?

MOVEMENTS OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG | ANNOUNCEMENTS | SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON | QUESTIONS & ANSWERS | PRAYER | OFFERING | SENDING

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- We're glad you're here! Visit first-pres.org/sundaynight to sign in and let us know you're with us.
 - During the sermon, text your questions to 719-362-0566, and we'll forward some to Pastor Tim for the Q&A following the sermon.

HAPPENINGS

New to First Pres?

We're so glad you're here! Join us after each worship service at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary. Greeters are also available to answer questions near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

Curious About Jesus?

Ministers are available after each service and would love to listen and answer your questions.

Alpha begins Wednesday, **September 6**, at 6:30 p.m. at The Commons, 332 N. Tejon St. Invite a friend who has questions about faith! Questions? Contact Sarah at sarah_ferris@sbcglobal.net; to RSVP: www.alphadowntowncos.com.

For the Whole Church Family

GTW offers classes for all ages plus dinner now through November 1. **GTW Menu** for September 6: Popeye's fried chicken and mac and cheese. \$8 adults; \$4 children 12 and under. www.first-pres.org/gtw.

Ready to Serve? | first-pres.org/volunteer

CityServe Weekend is September 29 through October 1. Attend an all-city worship service in our Sanctuary on Friday night and serve at sites across the city on Saturday. This is a great time to sign up with your Sunday community or small group! www.first-pres.org/cityserve

Do you love baby hugs? Volunteer in the nursery during MOPS on Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Beth for more info. at bmorrison@first-pres.org.

Missions | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions
Donations to benefit those affected by Hurri-

cane Harvey are now being accepted. There are three ways to donate: Choose "Disaster Relief" next to the amount when you give online at first-pres.org/give; text an amount and words Disaster Relief to 719-297-2232; write "Harvey" in the memo line when you give by check.

Men | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/men

17th Annual Golf Classic, Saturday, October 21, 12 p.m. start at Kissing Camels Golf Course. Cost: \$85 includes dinner. www.first-pres.org/golf.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:15 a.m. in the Aspen Room at Weber Street Center. There is no cost. Register: www.first-pres.org/men.

Stay-at-Home Dads Small Group – Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., 9/14-12/7. Childcare is available. www.first-pres.org/SAHD.

Women | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/women

Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study begins September 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

MOPS begins Thursday, September 14, at 9 a.m. in the Worship Center. Register at www.first-pres.org/mops.

Prime Time | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/primetime

Prime Time Faith Lesson, Thursday, September 21, Room 431, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Mateen Ellass will be speaking. Refreshments provided. RSVP by September 19 at 884-6142.

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

High School meets Sunday morning and Sunday night. Middle School meets Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

Parents – Please join us on September 10 at 10 a.m. in the Cedar Room for our annual parents meeting. It is a great chance to meet the staff, hear our vision and know what is happening this year in Student Ministries. There will be donuts and coffee so please stop by!

7th – 12th graders – Join us for a free concert, Pure Rebellion, at the Switchbacks Stadium on September 16. The concert will feature amazing music by White Flag, Cory Ard & DJ Standout! first-pres.org/purerebellion.

Children | 884-6126 | first-pres.org/children
Preschoolers meet on the 2nd floor at 10 a.m. K-4th graders meet on the 3rd floor at 10 a.m. Children's programming is also offered on Wednesday nights beginning August 30. See first-pres.org/gtw.

Nursery | 884-6139 | first-pres.org/nursery
Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/care
Both of our fall Care Workshops are excellent opportunities to invite a friend who is hurting.

Grief Workshop begins September 11. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter how long ago, this workshop is for you. Sign up at first-pres.org/grief. Brochures in racks.

Divorce Recovery Workshop begins September 6. Sign up at first-pres.org/drw. Brochures in racks.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs
A/V Technician (weekends), part-time; Barista for Café 225, part-time; Get Set Preschool Teacher Aide, part-time; Get-Set Van Driver, split shift; HR Generalist, full-time; Night Shift Custodian, full-time; Nursery Caregiver, part-time; **First Pres Preschool Teacher**, part-time; Receptionist (weekends), part-time; **Worship Leader**, full-time.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: A six-person First Pres team is heading to Guatemala, September 7 - 14 to learn about what God is doing through His church and people in Guatemala and discerning potential opportunities to join Him there. Pray for eyes to see as God sees and ears to hear as God hears as important decisions will be made.

Local Church: Solid Rock Christian Church
Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose
Mr. Ed Springer
Mr. Bill Hodson
Mr. Michael O'Dair
Brookdale Village Rehab
Mrs. Carol Speirs

Center at Centennial
Mr. Leo Nassimbene
Life Care Center
Mrs. Joyce Dyck

Gifts to
Sanctuary Flower Fund
In Honor of:

Russell & Claire Williams
50th Wedding Anniversary

In Memory of:
Steve Morgan by his Dad
My husband, James M. Wood, Jr.
by Elsie Wood & Family

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Robert Hansen - 8/26/17
Mrs. Jane Eames - 8/27/17

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