



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."⁵ Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4-5 (NSRVUE)

Sunday, March 22, 2026

*Please be seated, silence all devices, and prepare yourself for worship.
All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!*

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

PRELUDE *Largo* Handel
PRELUDE HYMN 228 (vs. 1, 4, 5) *Were You There* Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

~~~ GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ~~~

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP Kevin H

*Come, all you who arrive with busy feet and restless hearts.*

**The God who met Moses in the wilderness**  
*meets us in ordinary places.*

**This ground —**  
*this moment —*  
*this gathering —*  
*is holy, because God is present.*

**Let us slow our steps,**  
*open our hearts,*  
**and worship the Holy One**  
**who calls us by name.**

◆ HYMN 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Congregation  
***Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse***

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Murray

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD ~~~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kevin H

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6: 13-15 (NRSVUE)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we hurry past your presence, fail to notice the sacred in the ordinary, and resist the vulnerability of standing barefoot before your call. You call us to loosen our grip on the ground beneath us

and to trust your promise of freedom. Yet we confess that we hesitate. We grow comfortable where we are, even when comfort comes at the cost of others' suffering. We avoid the hard road, choose safety over solidarity, and stand still when love calls us to move.

Forgive us for the paths we refuse to walk, the burdens we are unwilling to set down, and the hope we fail to trust. Unbind us from fear. Strengthen our steps. Lead us again toward life. Amen.

HYMN 551 *LORD, HAVE MERCY* Congregation
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS Kevin H
...Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, called again, and invited to walk forward — not alone, but guided by grace.
Thanks be to God!

◆ HYMN 581 *GLORY BE TO THE FATHER* Congregation

~~~ **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD** ~~~

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSVUE)                                      Pastor Murray  
*This is the Word of the Lord.      **God is still speaking.***

MESSAGE                                      *Shoes*  
*Sermon Series Lent in Plain Sight*

HYMN 741                                      *Guide My Feet*                                      Congregation

~~~ **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD** ~~~

OFFERING Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer* Bob C

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting — a journey sustained by grace. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
THE BAPTISM
PRESENTATION

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Pastor Murray

◆ HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

Congregation

~~~ CARRYING GOD'S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD'S WORLD ~~~

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

*God Be with You*

Bob C

Where have you noticed — or where might you be overlooking — holy ground in your everyday life right now?

**Today's Service**

Music

Bob C

Liturgist

Kevin H

Trustee

Kathy McD

Ushers

Teagan W, Lynda and Jim K

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**Open Door Circle** will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30. All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L with any questions.



The mission committee will be holding its annual food drive for the Life Center during March. The Director said they could use any food, but they are always in need of foods with protein such as Spam, beans, tuna, salmon, peanut butter or any nut butter. We will be collecting food through March 29. There will be a container at the Windermere entrance and at the Littleton Boulevard entrance to place your donations. Thank you in advance.



FPCL's annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner, and we need your help! We're looking for donations of plastic eggs and assorted small candies (no nuts please!). You can drop these off at Pastor Blakeley's office any time through Wednesday, April 1st. We will have the egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5th, immediately following the conclusion of the 10am service.

### *March's RightNow Media selections*

If you have any trouble creating your account, or accessing content, please contact Pastor Blakeley for assistance!

For general audience: "**Holy Habits**": Pastor Derwin Gray guides you in this four-part series which will uncover four foundational behaviors for Christians. Seek a new way of living this Lenten season—one formed by the rhythms of holiness.

For youth and young adults: "**Jesus in our Generation**": Celebrated pastor and author Ben Stuart helps young people to explore some of the major areas in our lives that are impacted by modern culture. This study will help those in the next generation to better understand how to respond to cultural shifts in a way remains faithful to the unchanging truths of God's Word.

For general audience: "**The Narrow Path**". Author and pastor Rich Villodas leads a five-session series, ideal for Lent, which explores "how the subversive way of Jesus satisfies our souls." While the world offers a broad way leading to destruction, as Christ followers we can choose to take the Narrow Path of Jesus, leading to fullness, peace, and joy.

## Sunday Bible Study **April 19th**

Bible Study is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, following worship. Bring a 'brown bag' lunch and join us as we discuss God's Word to us. Both children and Adult Sunday Bible Study will meet, starting in Ficklin Hall for lunch.



## Second Thursday of the Month Shabby Sheep Women's Bible Study

@12:30 **Schedule Change**

## Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women's Bible Study

New six-week study on *Acts*, starts April 8<sup>th</sup>



Articles for the First Word for April are due March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Thursday \*Appointments Encouraged**

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*Worship Plans*  
*Sermon Series for Lent:*  
*Lent In Plain Sight*

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| <i>March 29, Palm Sunday</i>                                     | <i>Coats</i>  | <i>Luke 19:29-40</i> | <i>BELLS</i> |
| <i>April 2, Maundy Thursday at 6pm</i>                           | <i>Towels</i> | <i>John 13:1-13</i>  |              |
| <i>April 3, Good Friday at Noon</i>                              | <i>Thorns</i> | <i>John 19:1-11</i>  |              |
| <i>April 5, Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8am and 10am</i>   |               |                      |              |
| <i>*Pancake Breakfast 9am Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Worship</i> |               |                      |              |

Sermon Series for the Season of Easter: *New Life* (4/12-5/24)

**Our Mission:**

**We welcome all to love, share, serve, and grow in Christ.**

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