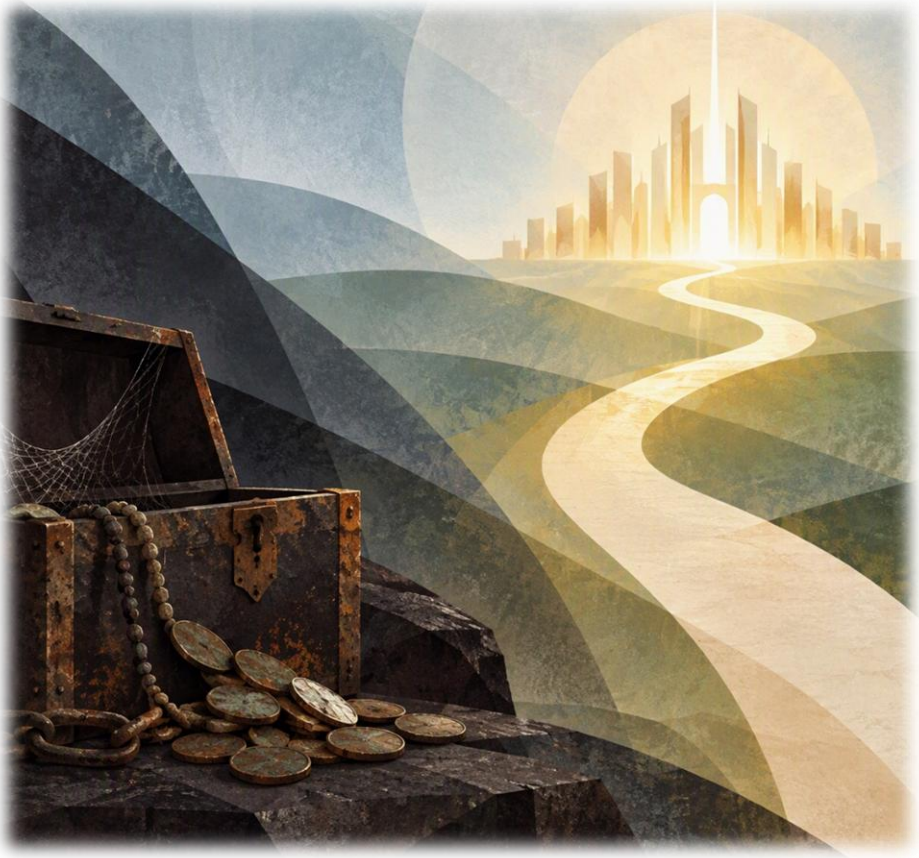




First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



"...store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is... Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well."

Matthew 6:20-21, 33 (NCV)

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

*Please be seated, silence all devices, and **prepare yourself for worship.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

PRELUDE

Mary Dailey

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

◆ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Anne Mills

*Come, people of God, and gather your hearts in the presence of Christ.*

**We come with all that we have and all that we are.**

*Jesus reminds us: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

**Shape our hearts toward what is lasting and life-giving.**

*Wisdom calls us to consider how we live,  
how we spend, how we give, and what we trust.*

**Teach us to live with wisdom, generosity, and gratitude.**

*We do not gather because we have everything figured out.*

**We gather because Christ is still cultivating our lives.**

*So let us worship the One who knows what we need  
and calls us to seek first the kingdom of God.*

**With open hearts, open hands, and willing spirits, let us worship God.**

◆ **SHARING THE PEACE**

*The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!***

◆ **HYMN 700**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Congregation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anne Mills

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NRSVUE)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Mary Dailey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us more than we often recognize. Yet we confess that we sometimes live as though we have never received enough. We measure ourselves by what we own, compare our lives with the lives of others, hold tightly to what we have, and worry about what we might lose. Forgive us when we allow money to become our master rather than a resource entrusted to our care.

Forgive us when our spending ignores the needs of our neighbors, when our giving is motivated by recognition rather than love, and when our fear prevents us from sharing what we have. Give us wisdom to distinguish between want and need, security and accumulation, contentment and complacency. Teach us to use our resources in ways that cultivate life — for ourselves, for our families, for our neighbors, and for the work of your kingdom. Turn our hearts toward you, for where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Amen.

HYMN 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

Congregation

O Lord, have mercy (x3); have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy (x3); have mercy on us.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Anne Mills

Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel:

In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and free to live generously.

◆ HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Congregation

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

◆ GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:19-21, 24-33 (NCV)

Pastor Murray

*This is the Word of the Lord. **God is still speaking.***

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

MESSAGE

*Financial Wisdom*  
Sermon Series "Cultivate"

HYMN 716

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Mary Dailey

◆ HYMN 606

Doxology

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Murray

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Written by the Reverend Jonathan Murray for "Cultivate"

We believe in God, who creates us, loves us, and calls us to grow in faith. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord, who lived among us, showed us God's love, welcomed the stranger, served the hurting, and calls us to follow his way. We believe that Christ died and was raised, and that through him we are invited into new life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives among us and within us, teaching, guiding, challenging, and transforming us as we grow in the way of Christ. We believe in the church, where faith is learned and lived — where we worship, pray, study, serve, forgive, and encourage one another to grow. We believe in forgiveness when we fall and in the promise of new life when we begin again. Therefore, we commit ourselves to cultivate a life with Christ: to abide in his love, to learn his way, to embody his teachings, and to share his love with the world. This is our faith. This is the life we cultivate together. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

◆HYMN 720)

Jesus Calls Us

Congregation

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

◆BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

*When you think about the way you use your money and resources, what is one value you hope your financial choices communicate?*

## Today's Service

Music

Mary Dailey

Liturgist

Anne Mills

Trustee

Paul Parish

Ushers

Diane Caby, Dick & Cathy Graves

Flowers

Rick & Tina Wilson "In honor of our granddaughters"



**Peacemakers**  
Country Store

**Christmas Sale**

**December 6, 2026**  
**8-10am, 11-2pm**

Baked Goods, Canned Jellies & Jams,  
Candy, Quilts, Stuffed Animals & more!

Every purchase goes to  
First Presbyterian Church of Littleton  
Community Assistance Program.

Good Neighbors  
Stronger  
Communities

Faith  
Service  
Community

The poster features a rustic wooden background with various Christmas-themed items: a white vase with a red and white checkered bow and pine branches, a jar of 'Jellies & Jams', a plate of cookies, a teddy bear, and a quilt. The text is in a mix of bold serif and script fonts, with a green banner for the date and time.

# OPEN DOOR CIRCLE

All Women of FPCL Are Welcome

*Faith • Fellowship • Service*

I was glad  
when they  
said to me,  
"Let us go  
to the house  
of the Lord."  
Psalm 122:1



**3rd Thursday  
of Each Month**



**10:30 a.m.**



**Shabby Sheep Room  
(4th Floor)**

## GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Open Door Circle is a community of women who gather for prayer, Bible study, friendship, and service.

*Join Us!*

Build friendships, deepen your faith, and support ministries that make a difference in our community.

## MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT



MEALS  
ON WHEELS



SCHOOL  
BACKPACK PROJECT



CHURCH  
MISSION INITIATIVES

*For more information:*

**Kathy McDaniel**

*or*

**Linda Diekvoss**

OPENING HEARTS • OPENING FAITH • OPENING DOORS

Bring your family and friends to:

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## COMMUNITY DAY

**Saturday, October 17, 2026**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



Cookie  
Decorating



Crafts



Sing  
a-Long



Self-Guided  
Audio Tour

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT • ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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# FPCL Book Club

— ♥ All are Welcome ♥ —

We are a small, friendly group and we welcome anyone who likes to read for casual discussions about books. We share thoughts about the books and about our lives with *no judgement*.



Group will meet the Second Thursday of each month, (except August), at 12:30pm in Ayers' Parlor (Zoom is available as well).



Reach out to Janice Fagan with any questions: [jlfagan69@gmail.com](mailto:jlfagan69@gmail.com)

## OUR UPCOMING BOOKS



### SEPTEMBER

Team of Rivals –  
by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
(non-fiction)



### OCTOBER

Theo of Golden –  
by Allen Levi  
(fiction)



### NOVEMBER

The Edge of the Grace Period –  
by our very own Dorothy Hagan ♥  
(fiction)

Good books.  
Great friends.  
Meaningful  
conversations.



♥ Read. Share. Connect. ♥

# Attention Women!

## Save The Date!

Saturday December 4th, 2:00 pm

## FPCL Women's Christmas Tea!

Come One , Come All, for  
Food, Fun, Festivities!

Watch for more information in November!



Merry S and Sue C  
Co-chairs

Faith  
Friendship  
Fellowship  
Make the  
Season  
Brighter!



Good  
Friends  
Warm Hearts  
Brighter  
Holidays



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**Mary Dailey**, Director of Worship Arts

**Karen A. Meersman**, Director of Handbells & Children/Youth Music

**Joan Lund**, Financial Secretary

**Matthew Dailey**, Office Administrator

**Jessica Lund**, Bookkeeper



SERMON SERIES:

# CULTIVATE

*a Life In Christ*

Cultivating a Life Rooted in Christ



**OCTOBER 4:**  
**SIMPLICITY**  
*Luke 12:13-21*



**OCTOBER 11:**  
**FINANCIAL WISDOM**  
*Matthew 6:19-21, 24-33*



**OCTOBER 18:**  
**GENEROSITY**  
*John 3:14-17*



**OCTOBER 25:**  
**COMMITMENT**  
*1 Peter 1:3-11*

Discipleship is more than a single decision — it is a lifelong process of being shaped by the love, grace, and wisdom of Jesus Christ.

Like a well-tended garden, faith grows through intentional care, faithful practices, and the quiet work of the Holy Spirit.

In this ten-week series, we will explore how Scripture invites us to cultivate habits that nurture spiritual growth, deepen relationships, strengthen communities, bear fruit for God's kingdom, and more fully become who God created us to be.

Together we will reflect on practices such as prayer, generosity, simplicity, wisdom, gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, hospitality, and faithful stewardship.

This series offers an invitation to tend the soil of your heart, trust the Spirit's transforming work, and grow into the life God is cultivating within you.

### Mission Statement:

**We Welcome All to Love, Share, Serve and Grow in Christ.**



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