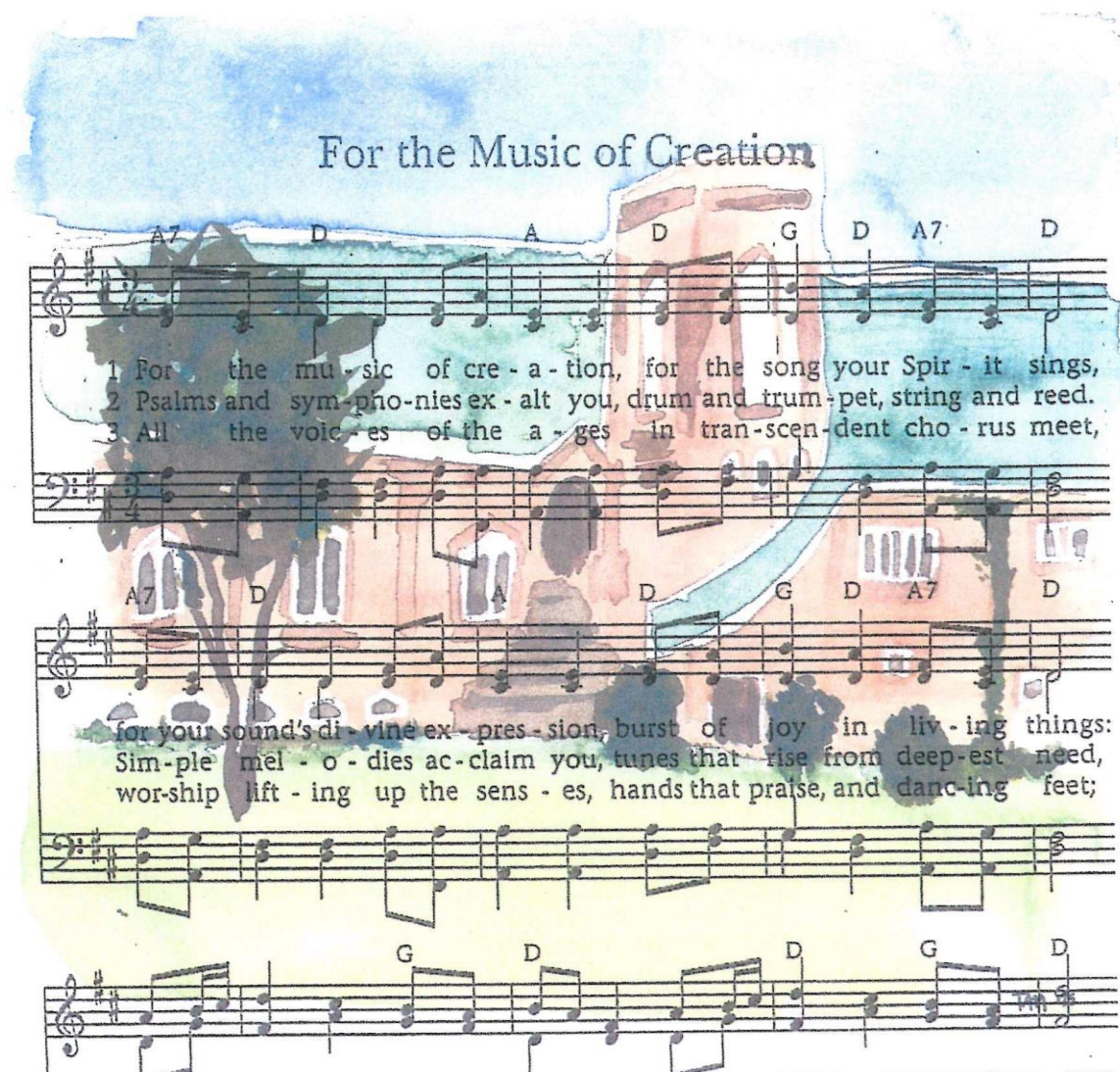




First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



Music Dedication Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

Rondo Vivo

FPCL Handbell Choirs

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Avery K. M

*O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*

**From God and through God and to God are all things.**

*God's mercy is wider than we imagine; God's love deeper than we can fathom.*

**We come to offer our whole selves**

**— mind, body, and spirit — in worship.**

*Come, let us worship the One who transforms our minds and renews our hearts.*

**We worship God with joy, ready to love as Christ has loved us.**

◆ HYMN

*For the Music of Creation*

Congregation

*Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse*

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| CHILDREN’S SERMON                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pastor Winslow                     |
| MUSIC DEDICATION                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pastor Murray                      |
| SPECIAL ANTHEM                       | <i>Now Praise the Lord</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Handbell Choirs and Chancel Choirs |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Avery K. M                         |
| SCRIPTURE Romans 11:33-12:2 (NRSVUE) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Avery K. M                         |
|                                      | <i>This is the Word of the Lord.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Thanks be to God.</b>           |
| PRAYER OF CONFESSION                 | <i>(we begin in silent confession and then pray together)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                    |
|                                      | <b>Merciful God, you call us to offer our whole selves in worship and service. Yet we confess that we often conform to the ways of this world — choosing convenience over compassion, fear over hospitality, and self-interest over neighborly love.</b>           |                                    |
|                                      | <b>Forgive us when we have passed by those in need, closed our eyes to injustice, and withheld grace from others and ourselves. Transform us by your renewing Spirit, so that our minds may be made new and our hearts overflow with the love of Christ. Amen.</b> |                                    |
| HYMN 551                             | <i>LORD, HAVE MERCY</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Congregation                       |
|                                      | <i>Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                    |
| SHARING GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Avery K. M                         |
|                                      | <i>...Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to love boldly.</i>                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    |
|                                      | <b>Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |
| ◆ HYMN 581                           | <i>GLORY BE TO THE FATHER</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Congregation                       |
|                                      | <i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>                                                                                                        |                                    |
|                                      | <b>~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD ~~~</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                    |
| ◆ GOSPEL Luke10:25-37 (NRSVUE)       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pastor Murray                      |
|                                      | <i>This is the Word of the Lord.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>God is still speaking.</b>      |
| MINISTRY OF MUSIC                    | <i>Jesus Loves Me</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | FPCL Handbell Choirs               |
| MESSAGE                              | <i>Crossing the Road for a Stranger</i><br><i>Sermon Series: Love In Action</i>                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pastor Murray                      |
| HYMN 767                             | <i>Together We Serve</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Congregation                       |
|                                      | <b>~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ~~~</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                    |
| CALL OF THE OFFERING                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pastor Murray                      |
| OFFERTORY                            | <i>Ancient Word</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Chancel Choir                      |
| ◆ HYMN 606                           | DOXOLOGY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Congregation                       |
|                                      | <i>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.</i>                                                                                                 |                                    |
| ◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Pastor Murray                      |

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, whose mercy is wider than the sea and whose love embraces every person.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s Word made flesh, who taught us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves— without boundaries of race, language, religion, or place. Jesus showed us that the stranger is our neighbor, and that mercy is the path to life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see Christ in every person, who transforms our hearts to welcome the outsider, and who gives us courage to cross lines of fear and prejudice.**

**We believe the Church is called to be a community of radical welcome, a living sign of God’s hospitality, and a servant to all in need.**

**This we believe, and by God’s grace, this we will live. Amen.**

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| PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35)  | Pastor Winslow                                              |
| ◆ HYMN                                            | <i>All Praise to God for Song God Gives</i><br>Congregation |
| ~~~ CARRYING GOD’S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD’S WORLD ~~~ |                                                             |
| ◆ BENEDICTION                                     | Pastor Murray                                               |
| POSTLUDE                                          | Mary Dailey                                                 |

**Question:**            *What would you like to see God do through you?*

| Today’s Service                                    |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Director of Handbell Choirs & Children/Youth Music | Karen A. Meersman                       |
| Music                                              | FPCL Handbell Choirs and Chancel Choirs |
| Director of Music                                  | Mary Dailey                             |
| Liturgist                                          | Avery K. M                              |
| Trustee                                            | Don M                                   |
| Ushers                                             | Dick and Cathy G and Gary G             |
| Watercolor Image                                   | Taylor Ann M                            |

*\*Prayer cards may be placed on the offering plate or in the box in Chandler Hall.*



**Second Thursday of each month at 1pm in Ayers’ Parlor** or Zoom in with us if you can’t make it to church.  
Contact Janice F if you have any questions or want to join us.  
Here’s what we are reading next:  
**For October 9**  
*A Calamity of Souls*, by David Baldacci



# Sunday Bible Study **Today**

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.

## ***September's RightNow Media picks***

All content from RightNow Media is accessible for you to conveniently enjoy from your computer or mobile device. Your account is already paid for through FPCL, so all you have to do is sign up here: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl>

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

**For youth: “Not a fan—teen edition”:** This study, based on Pastor Kyle Idleman’s best-selling book, will challenge teens to re-think the reality of their relationship to Jesus, and consider whether they are a committed follower of Christ, or just a “fan”.  
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/187042>

**General audience: “40 verses to ignite your faith”:** Following from our recent “Scripture shapes us” sermon series, this is an opportunity to discover a number of lesser-known Bible verses, which can help you to navigate through all the different seasons of life. Led by Laurie Short. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/338075>

**For grandparents: “Shepherding your grandchildren”:** Take this study to learn more about how you can be a godly influence on your grandchildren, and help in the creation of a spiritual legacy that will bless their entire lives”  
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/914654>



**To our friends and neighbors, FPCL will be offering community assistance on Tuesdays only, from 10am to 1pm. We are doing this in an effort to ensure that we can maintain enough supplies to help as many people as possible. Thank you for your understanding!**  
**Volunteers:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A9AF2EAAFC1-55790041-welcome#/>



**The Chancel Choir.** All members are welcome and encouraged to share their voices for worship services at FPCL. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am on the fourth floor of the church and sings at the 10 am service. Choir sings 2-3 weekends per month with special choral performance services during Advent and Lent. Please join us on Sunday, September 7th for our first rehearsal and contact me on Sundays at church if you have any questions.  
Mary Dailey, Director of Worship Arts  
I would also like to share a special thank you to all the singers and musicians who joined us during the summer to enhance our worship services with their musical talents.



**Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study Starting Tuesday, September 23 from 7-8:15**  
Please contact co-leaders Sue C and Janice F for more information.  
**Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Stuby Starting September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30**  
Please contact co-leaders Joy C or Karla F with questions or to RSVP



**Open Door Circle** will be meeting Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L with any questions.

## ***Blessing of the Pets***

*All are Welcome to attend Our Blessing of the Pets  
Please meet us at Wynetka Ponds Dog Park  
5875 S. Lowell Blvd. CO. 80123  
on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00-10:30am  
And  
At First Presbyterian Church in Littleton  
1609 W. Littleton Blvd. CO. 80120  
on Saturday, October 4th from 11:00-12:00pm*



### **New Members Class**

We are planning a new members class  
on **Saturday, September 27,**  
in Ayers Parlor from 2-4PM. *It is very casual.*  
**More info in the Friday Eblast**  
**See Dee Getzinger with questions**

## **We need 5 more tutors for Our Whiz Kids Tutoring Program at FPCL.**

Students are in grades 1 through 5 and need one-to-one help with homework, math, and reading.

**We meet once a week on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 October through April.**

Please contact Loretta D with questions or to volunteer.

On behalf of the kids, **thank you!**

**Church Office:** 303-798-1389; [fpcl@fpcl.org](mailto:fpcl@fpcl.org)

**Pastoral Care Emergency Line:** 720-662-7277

#### **Staff Schedule:**

**Pastor Jonathan Murray**, Minister of Word and Sacrament -----Tue. & Thu. 9-2, or by appt.

**Pastor Blakeley Winslow**, Pastor of Christian Discipleship-----Mon. 9:30-2:30; Tue. 1- 4:30;  
Wed. 10-3:30 or by appt.

**Lydia Cooper**, Office Manager-----Tue.-Thu. 9-2

**Mary Dailey**, Director of Worship Arts

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

**Joan Lund**, Financial Secretary

**Tracy Eidson**, Child Care

### ***Worship Focus***

***September 14th to 28th***

### ***Love In Action***

***September 28- To Love a Neighbor Mark 12:28-34***

### **Mission Statement:**

**We Believe the Good News that all of Littleton is called Beloved by Jesus Christ and  
together we Belong to God's Kingdom.**



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