



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



“Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

Acts 10:33

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.***

PRELUDE

Mary Dailey

OPENING HYMN 389

Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Dailey

◆ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Avery K. Meersman

*Come, people of God, for the Spirit is still moving.*

**Moving beyond walls, beyond borders, beyond fear.**

*God calls us out of familiar places into wider grace.*

**God invites us to see with new eyes and love with open hearts.**

*In Christ, there is no insider or outsider.*

**For God shows no partiality.**

*Come, worship the One whose love falls like rain on the just and unjust alike.*

**We come to worship the God whose mercy is for all.**

◆ HYMN 310 (v. 1 & 2)

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Avery K. Meersman

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:1-16, 28-35 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, you created every person in your image, yet we confess how often we sort, separate, and judge. We cling to labels and categories. We decide who belongs and who does not. We love those who are easy to love and avoid those who challenge us.

Forgive us for the ways we have limited your grace. Forgive us when prejudice shapes our hearts, when fear governs our actions, and when indifference keeps us from seeing our neighbor. Like Peter, interrupt us. Challenge what we think we know. Show us what you are doing beyond our understanding. Teach us to love as you love — without favoritism, without condition, without partiality. Amen.

HYMN 579

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Congregation

Kyrie eleison (3x)

Christe eleison (3x)

Kyrie eleison (3x)

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Avery K. Meersman

...In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

◆ 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 5:43-48 (NRSVUE)

Beth Hewlett

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

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

MESSAGE

*God Shows No Partiality*

Sermon Series *"Spirit on the Move"*

HYMN 757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Beth Hewlett

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

Beth Hewlett

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Ghost, 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
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life ever-lasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen**

◆ HYMN 4 (v. 1 & 2)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Beth Hewlett

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

**“Peter’s vision forced him to reconsider who he thought belonged within God’s embrace. Who has helped expand your understanding of God’s love by challenging your assumptions?”**

**Today’s Service**

Music

Mary Dailey

Liturgist

Avery K. Meersman

Trustee

Jeff Colwell

Ushers

Mary Doner, Connie Strandberg, Sheri & Denny Wyatt

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor and celebration of Avery K. Meersman's birthday this Wednesday, July 29th. They are given with much love and many hugs from her family! Xoxo

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Hi, I am Beth Hewlett. I am a Commissioned Pastor through the Denver Presbytery. I was fortunate enough to do my internship at First Presbyterian Church of Littleton. I currently do pulpit supply and I am the moderator for Aurora First Presbyterian Church. My big passion is traveling with the Guatemala Mission Partnership (GMP) to provide purified water to that country.

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**TODAY!!!**



# CONCERT — ON THE — CORNER

≡ Featuring ≡  
**NOLAN BAKER**  
— & —  
**MATTHEW DAILEY**



**SUNDAY,  
JULY 26**



**1PM**



Bring a lawn chair · and a cool beverage to sip on · WHILE YOU ENJOY SOME OF BROADWAY'S GREATEST HITS!

# First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



Presents the 23rd Annual

**Western Welcome Week**

**Quilt Show &**

**Used Book Sale**

**Come enjoy the beautiful quilts displayed in our Historic Sanctuary (built in 1929 by Jules Jacques Benois Benedict) and Used Book Sale!**

Quilt Drop-off Day: Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm

Quilt Show & Used Book Sale: Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm

Quilt Show & Used Book Sale: Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-3pm

**\*\*Quilts must be picked up on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**

A beautiful hand quilted mission quilt has been generously donated to the Peacemakers to be included in a chance drawing on Saturday August 15, at 3:00pm. All proceeds from the Quilt Show will benefit "Faithfully K-9" - a service to our veterans, who provide individual dog training.

Chance Tickets: **\$1** each or **6** for **\$5**

Proceeds from the Used Book Sale will benefit Whiz Kids Tutoring.

We will begin collecting books July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Welcome Center.  
Contact Kathy Frear at 303-241-3405 or [kathyfrear@gmail.com](mailto:kathyfrear@gmail.com)  
to arrange a drop-off or pick up.

**\*\* LAST DAY TO DONATE BOOKS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> \*\***

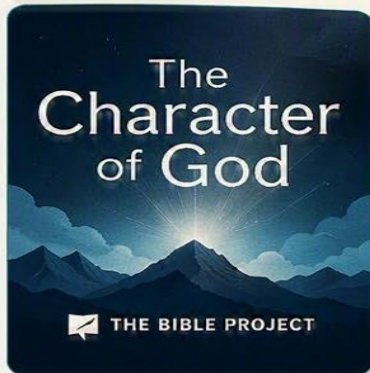
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# July

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

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GENERAL STUDY

## The Character of God

The Bible Project

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If you were to name the attributes of God, what would you name?



Love?



Gracious?



Merciful?

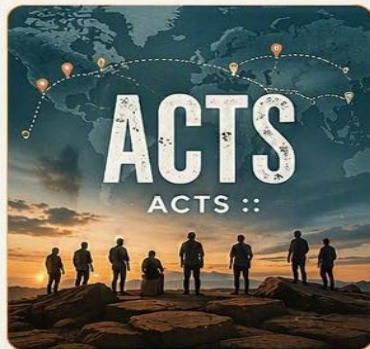


Vengeful?



Demanding?

Learn about the foundational description of God's attributes found in the book of Exodus.



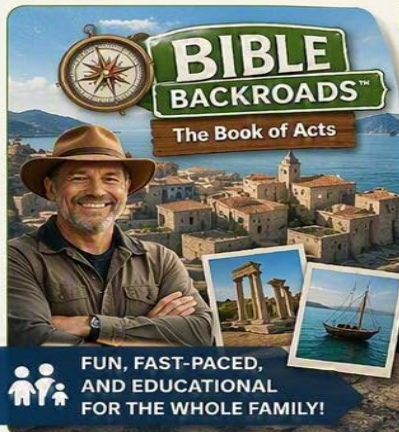
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## Acts: Acts :: RightNow Media

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In this compelling six-part series from the book of Acts, church leaders from nations around the world equip us to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Join Francis Chan, Anne Zaki, Chadwick Mohan, Anand Mahadevan, Jorge Salazar, and Kwasi Amofo, and be inspired to lead as servants, overcome opposition in community, face persecution with boldness, and reframe your workplace as your mission field.



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Dave Stotts, host of Drive Thru History®, explores the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of the Book of Acts in the New Testament. The home base for the series is Dave's Garage™, a state-of-the-art, extended reality lair where almost anything is possible. In addition to teaching with a collection of monitors, maps, animations and artifacts, Dave treks outside his garage for special adventures in Israel and the entire Mediterranean region. Designed for all ages, BIBLE BACKROADS™ is fun, fast-paced, and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Biblical accounts together.



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**Jessica Lund**, Bookkeeper

*Worship Plans*

**Sermon Series: *Spirit on the Move***

**(A study through Acts of the Apostles)**

**August 2: *When the Church Disagrees***

**Acts 15:1-21**

**August 9: *An Unfinished Story* (Final Sermon in Series)**

**Acts 28:16-31**

**UPCOMING MUSIC**

**August 2: Bruce Benson & Matthew Dailey**

**August 9: Bill Graves, saxophone**

**Mission Statement:**

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



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