



***16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

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| PRELUDE | <i>This Is My Song</i> | Bob C, Organist |
| PRELUDE HYMN 331 | <i>God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand</i> | Congregation |

~~~ **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

Trey M

*Rejoice in the Lord always!*

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!**

*God has anointed us*

**to bring good news to the poor,**

**to bind up the brokenhearted,**

**and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*With joy in our hearts,*

**we come to worship the God who clothes us with garments of salvation!**

◆ HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

Congregation

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Trey M

SCRIPTURE Luke 17:11-19 (NRSVUE)

Trey M

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*we begin in silent confession and then pray together*)

God of peace and promise, we confess that we have not always rejoiced, nor have we prayed without ceasing. We have been slow to give thanks, and quick to grow weary in doing good. We have ignored the hurting, the poor, the brokenhearted.

Forgive us for resisting your Spirit and quenching the fire of your calling in our lives. Renew in us a spirit of joy, so that we may live as your faithful people, doing your will with gladness and hope. We pray, seeking your mercy. Amen.

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS Trey M
...In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ HYMN 581 *GLORY BE TO THE FATHER* Congregation
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.

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24(NRSVUE) Pastor Murray
This is the Word of the Lord. God is still speaking.

MESSAGE *Being Grateful* Pastor Murray
Sermon Series: *Scripture Shapes Us*

HYMN 340 *This Is My Song* Congregation

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

CALL OF THE OFFERING Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY Bob C, Organist

◆ 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

We believe we should rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering and persevere in prayer. We believe that the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

We believe we should devote ourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. We believe that we should not worry, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God.

We believe we should pray without ceasing, building ourselves up on our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

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| MINUTE FOR MISSION | The Littleton Longer Table | Heidi T |
| PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35) | | Pastor Winslow |

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| ◆ HYMN 611 | <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> | Congregation |
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~~~ **CARRYING GOD'S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD'S WORLD** ~~~

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| ◆ BENEDICTION | Pastor Murray |
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| POSTLUDE | Bob C, Organist |
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*Question: Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your life — and how might you live in response to that faithfulness this week?*

### **Today's Service**

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| Special Music | Bob C, Organist |
| Liturgist     | Trey M          |
| Trustee       | John K          |
| Ushers        | Deb G and Joy C |
| Image         | <i>Biblia</i>   |

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



**Women's Bible Study**  
**Starting September 24th**  
**from 10:00-11:30**

Please contact co-leaders Joy C or  
Karla F with questions or to RSVP

## **Sunday Bible Study** **September 7**

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.



The Chancel Choir will begin a new year on Sunday, September 7th. 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 we joined us during the summer to enhance our worship services with their musical talents.



PLEASE SEND FLAT JESUS PICTURES TO MS. KAREN AT [KAREN@FPCL.ORG](mailto:karen@fpcl.org).. **PHOTO SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO Tomorrow, SEPTEMBER 1st!**  
ALSO, PLEASE ADD YOUR PIN TO THE MAP IN CHANDLER HALL.



Want to make a difference in your community and be a good neighbor? FPCL is looking for volunteers to help with our Conversational English class for our friends in the Hispanic Community, held in conjunction with our ministry partners at North Littleton Promise! The Conversational English classes will be starting on **Tuesday, September 9th** and will run through early December. We are currently hoping to offer two different class times: **4:30pm to 5:30pm** and **6:15pm to 7:15pm**. If you are available to help during either one of those time slots, we would love to have you! NO prior experience is needed, you do NOT have to know any Spanish, and ALL teaching materials will be provided!! Classes will meet at the North Littleton Promise facility (5933 S. Fairfield St.) which is just a 5-minute drive from the church! Please contact Pastor Blakeley if you have any questions, and to get signed up!



**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#/>**

**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

**We are in need of 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 Davis at **303-549-7185** or [lorettadavis4@Q.com](mailto:lorettadavis4@Q.com) with questions or to volunteer.

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

**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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