



3 Trust in the lord and do 800d; live in the land and enjoy security. **4** take delight in the lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

PSalm 37:3-4 (NRSVUE)

Communion Sunday, August 3, 2025

♦ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

All of God's children are welcome, including their wiggles and giggles!

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

PRELUDE Marsha T

PRELUDE HYMN 507 Come to the Table of Grace 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 Cheri B

Trust in the Lord and do good;

dwell in the land and feed on God's faithfulness.

We will delight ourselves in the Lord, and commit our way to God.

God has not given us a spirit of fear,

but a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.

We remember the faith passed down to us, and we fan into flame the gift of God within us.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not fret when the world seems unjust.

Our steps are made firm by the Lord; we trust in God and walk by faith.

We will worship God with confidence and joy!

♦ HYMN 385 (vs 1-3) All People That on Earth Do Dwell Congregation

Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse

CHILDREN'S SERMON Blessing of the Bags Pastor Winslow

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Prayer for Illumination Cheri B

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 1:3-14 (The Message) Cheri B

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

Prayer of Confession (we begin in silent confession and then pray together)

Merciful God, you have given us a spirit of power and love, but we confess that we are often ruled by fear. You call us to trust in you and do good, but we worry, fret, and take matters into our own hands. You ask us to be faithful in small things, but we long for quick results and visible success.

Forgive us, Lord. Renew in us a steady spirit. Strengthen our faith with holy boldness, that we may live lives marked by trust, love, and self-discipline, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Cheri B

God has saved us and called us with a holy calling — not because of anything we have done, but because of God's own grace through Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

◆ 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 READING Psalm 37:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

Message Trusting God - It's a Marathon Pastor Murray

Sermon Series: Scripture Shapes Us

HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory Congregation

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

Call of the Offering Pastor Murray

Offertory Marsha T

♦ 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 The 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 everlasting. Amen

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you; And also with you!

Lift up your hearts; We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give God thanks; It is right to give God thanks and praise!...

...And when the time was right, out of Your great love for the world, You came to us, lived among us, lifted up humanity, to heal our brokenness and redeem us.

We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

...We believe that in sharing these elements of bread and grape that our faith will grow as we are united with Christ.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that the sharing of the bread that we break and the cup we drink may be for us Christ's real presence.

This is the mountaintop of our worship of You; for we remember that on the night of his betrayal, sitting at table with his disciples, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"This is my body, given for you."

So also, we remember that Jesus in the same manner, took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant poured out for you.

Do this in remembrance of me." For every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord,

Until he comes again...

Invitation to the Lord's Table

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (all bread is gluten free)

GIVING GOD THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFTS

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35)

Pastor Winslow

♦ HYMN 12 (vs. 1 & 4) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Congregation

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

♦ BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

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Postlude Marsha T

#### **Today's Service**

Music Marsha T
Liturgist Cheri B
Trustee Jeff C
Ushers Mary D
Cover Image Bible.com

### How are you hoping to grow spiritually this year?

The Flowers today where gifted from Nat and Beth O in recognition of the FPCL staff.

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

## Worship Focus July 20<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>

The Sermon Series entitled Scripture Shapes Us which is based on your submissions of scripture passages that have been foundational in your lives.

FPCL is looking for volunteers to serve in the Welcome Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm. Please consider signing up to assist our neighbors. Please contact Pastor Blakeley with any questions or to sign up.

Don't forget to pick up the Western Welcome Week Announcement in Chandler Hall. Don't be a wet "quilt" come check out the Quilt Show and the Used Book Sale.

# **Sunday Bible Study Today**

Bible Study is on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  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.

## August'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: <a href="https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl">https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl</a>

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

This month, we are featuring three studies for a general audience:

**The Good Shepherd:** Speaker and author Heather Thompson Day explores Jesus as the Good Shepherd from John 10 and teaches how we can learn from Christ to be a spiritual shepherd to others!

**Money Wise:** This course will take you through the basics of financial stewardship from a Biblical perspective, and cover topics including saving, creating a spending plan, paying off debts, and planning your investments.

**Every Thought Captive: How renewing your mind can change your life:** With Romans 12:2 as the central verse, pastor and best-selling author Kyle Idleman leads this study which challenges us to change our thought life in accordance with the truth of God's Word. Win the battle for your mind!

PLEASE SEND FLAT JESUS PICTURES TO MS. KAREN AT <u>KAREN@FPCL.ORG</u>.

DEADLINE FOR THE PICTURES IS AUGUST 15. ALSO, PLEASE ADD YOUR PIN TO THE MAP IN CHANDLER HALL.

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Staff Schedule:

**Pastor Jonathan Murray**, Minister of Word and Sacrament --- Tue. & Thu. 9a-2p, or by appt. **Pastor Blakeley Winslow**, Pastor of Christian Discipleship------Mon. 9:30a-2:30p;

Tue. 1p- 4:30p; Wed. 10:30a-3:30p;

or by appt.

Lydia Cooper, Office Manager------Tue.-Thu. 9a –2p

Mary Dailey, Director of Worship Arts

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

**Joan Lund**, Financial Secretary

Tracy Eidson, Child Care

# GRANDPARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS ALONG

Adventures with Grandparents and Grandchildren! A FREE summer program developed to foster relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren ages 4-11 yrs with games, snacks, crafts, conversation and visits from community friends! Join us on the following Mondays this summer, from **9:00am-11:30am**:

Tomorrow, August 4th

#### **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.

