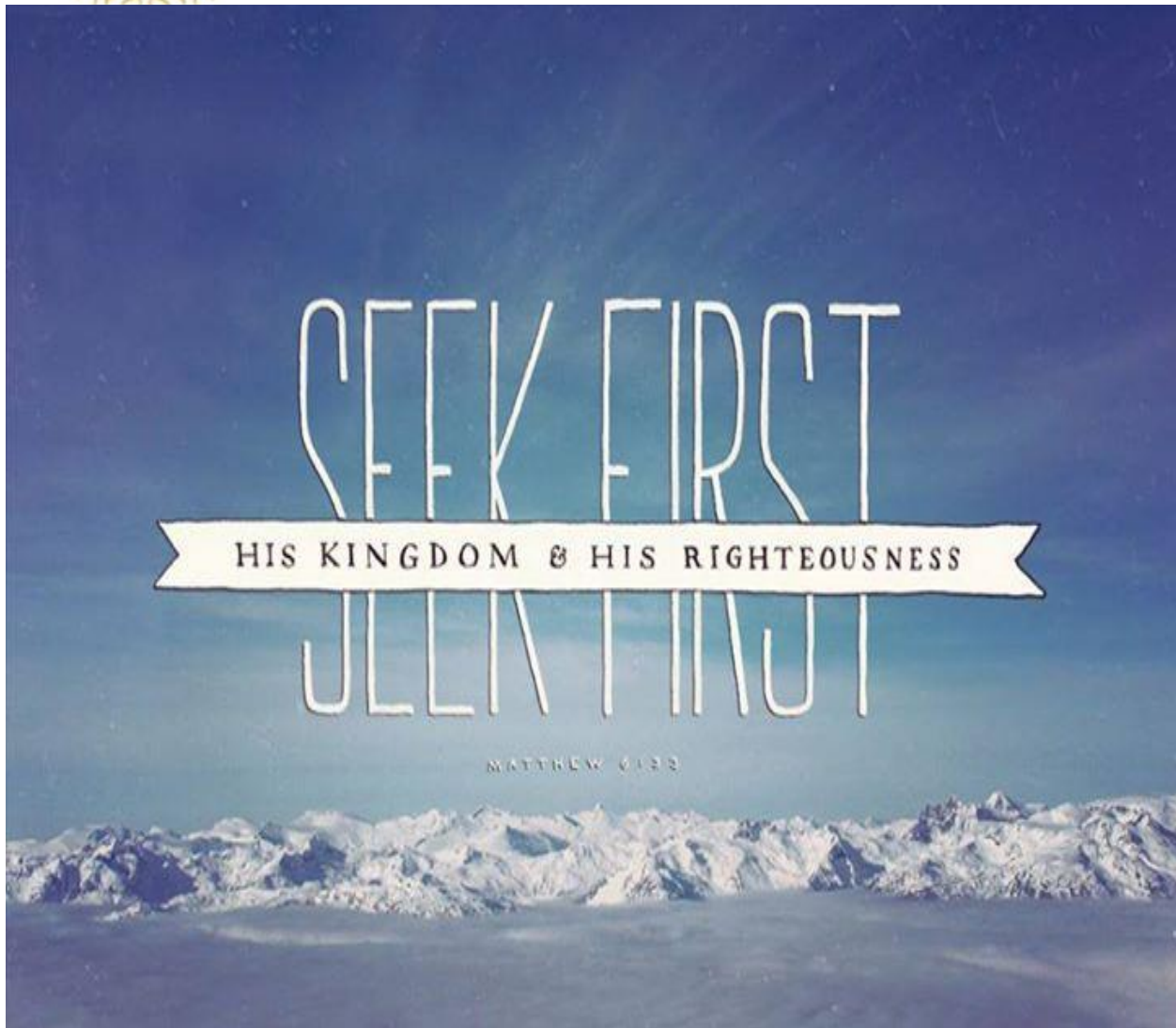




First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:33

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday in the Season of Easter

*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 *Fantasy on "Hyfrydol"* Memorial Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Winslow

◆ SHARING THE PEACE

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

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Hymn 667)*

Kelly S

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

Let earth's wide circle round, in joyful notes resound:

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height reply:

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

◆ HYMN 370

*This Is My Father's World*

Congregation

**Children are invited forward during the last verse**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Murray

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Exultate, Jubilate

Memorial Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kelly S

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 3:4-15 (NKJV)

Kelly S

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In this joyous season of Easter, we confess our own unworthiness to be the recipients of so great a salvation. But as we behold the Risen Christ, may our hearts fill with hope. Lord Jesus, You have conquered our weaknesses, fears, and sins—even as You have conquered the grave! Grant us Your strength and let us begin anew, thanks to Your great love. Amen!

HYMN 575 *LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US* Congregation
*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS Kelly S
...In Jesus' name we find redemption!
Thanks be to God!

◆ HYMN 582 *GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME* Congregation

◆ GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:25-34 (NKJV) Pastor Winslow
*This is the Word of the Lord. **God is still speaking.***

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE *New Priorities*
Sermon Series *New Life*

HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First* Congregation

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

OFFERING Pastor Winslow

OFFERTORY *To God Be the Glory* Memorial Handbell Choir

◆ HYMN 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 Winslow

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH By Pastor Blakeley Winslow

I believe in the God of new life who has rolled away the stone, and emptied the grave.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, who went to the cross for our sins, rose again to triumph over the power of hell, and ascended to heaven to be our Advocate and Great High Priest.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who filled the hearts of once-fearful Apostles, to transform them into the bold agents of the Gospel message.

I believe in the universal Christian Church which they founded, and which continues to spread, the great cloud of witnesses which inspires us onwards, the forgiveness for all that has been purchased by Christ's blood, and our own sure and unshakeable hope of resurrection and eternal life as we follow in the footsteps of the Author and Finisher of our faith. Praise be to the Risen Lord Jesus—now and forevermore, Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 35)

Pastor Murray

◆ HYMN (Insert)

God Will Take Care of You

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Winslow

POSTLUDE

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Memorial Handbell Choir

As you think about seeking first the Kingdom of God,  
what is one area of your spiritual life where you could prioritize growth?

*The flowers this morning are given by Bill F in celebration of Kathy's birthday today.*

## Today's Service

Director of Handbell Choirs  
Music  
Liturgist  
Trustee  
Ushers  
Cover Image

Karen A. Meersman  
Memorial Handbell Choir  
Kelly S  
Don M  
Teagan W, Diane C  
New Life Fellowship Church



**Open Door Circle** will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30. All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L with any questions.



The mission committee will be holding its annual food drive for the Life Center during April. The Director said they could use any food, but they are always in need of foods with protein such as Spam, beans, tuna, salmon, peanut butter or any nut butter. We will be collecting food through April. There will be a container at the Windermere entrance and at the Littleton Boulevard entrance to place your donations. Thank you in advance.



**Tuesday Evening Shabby Sheep Women's Bible Study**

On a break for now

**Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women's Bible Study**

Six-week study on *Acts*, started on April 8<sup>th</sup>



**FPCL Book Club meets in Ayers' Parlor or Zoom on the Second Thursday of each month at 12:30. All are welcome.**

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

JERIMIAH O holds a BM degree in Piano Performance and a MM degree in Harpsichord Performance from CU Boulder. In 2023, JERIMIAH performed at L'Echappee Estivale early music festival in Clumy, France. In 2025, he gave two concerts at the Church of Saint-Julien-du-Saul's, France, "L'orgue fait son marche" on harpsichord and on the historic 1568 Renaissance organ as part of the Les Epopees early music festival. Mr. Otto performs at various venues and churches throughout the Front Range. He has also music directed theatre productions at Marionelas International Theater Festival in Gondomar, Portugal, the University of Guelph in Canada, as well as the Lakewood Cultural Center, Candlelight Dinner Theatre, Vintage Theater, Aurora Fox Theater, Cherry Creek Theater, Red Rjocks Community College and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is also the person who takes care of the harpsichord here at FPCL. We are so excited to have him here for a 45-minute concert on April 26. There is no charge for attending and please bring your friends.

# LITTLETON HANDBELL FESTIVAL!!



## Come one, come all, to the Littleton Handbell Festival!

Who: First Pres. Memorial & TNT Handbell Choirs  
and several other local church bell choirs

What: A FREE concert (and an opportunity for community fellowship!)

Where: Littleton United Methodist Church  
5894 S. Datura St. Littleton 80120 (corner of Datura & Shepperd St.)

When: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 3:00 p.m.

The Memorial Handbell Choir & Tintinnabulation Ringers will be joining several other Littleton churches for an all-day rehearsal and fellowship experience and perform our pieces in a massed concert with Guest Conductor Jeffrey Harms in the afternoon.

If you haven't had the opportunity to hear an ensemble of bells ringing together, it is truly an event you will never forget, and it is **SO CLOSE TO HOME** - *only 4 blocks from church!!*

Please join us and support the ringers  
(and bring friends and family along)!

SEE  
YOU  
THERE

Contact Karen with any questions at  
[Karen@fpcl.org](mailto:Karen@fpcl.org)

**WE HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF  
FAMILIAR FACES THERE!**



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*Worship Plans*

**Sermon Series for the Season of Easter: *New Life***

**April 26: *New Eyes***

**Matthew 5:1-12** Women's Ensemble

**May 3: *New Identity***

**Matthew 5:13-16** Bells

**May 10: *New Courage***

**Matthew 16:21-28** Men's Ensemble

**May 17: *New Calling***

**Matthew 28:16-20** Chancel Choir

**Following Worship**

**Town Hall Meeting next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Bible Study- May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Our Mission:**

***We welcome all to love, share, serve, and grow in Christ.***



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