



First Presbyterian
Church of Littleton



“Rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:7-8

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

*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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP		Romans 5:7-8
PRELUDE		Mary Dailey
PRELUDE HYMN 223	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Murray
	<i>The Lord be with you!</i> And also with you!	
◆ CALL TO WORSHIP		Teagan W
	<i>On this Good Friday, we gather to worship God Almighty.</i>	
	Who entered our lives as one of us in the person Jesus.	
	<i>Jesus taught God's truth and pointed to God's Kingdom.</i>	
	But he would not bend to our ways,	
	and he took the punishment for our sin.	
	<i>Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross,</i>	
	the King of kings is crowned with thorns	
	and wears the purple robe of mockery.	
	<i>Today Jesus is imprisoned on a tree.</i>	
	But Jesus gives us life and sets us free.	
◆ HYMN 215 (vs. 1-3)	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	Congregation
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Teagan W
SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:19-22 (NRSVUE)		
	<i>This is the Word of the Lord.</i> Thanks be to God!	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	<i>Old Rugged Cross</i>	Congregation
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Teagan W
	<i>O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit,</i>	
	<i>born of the virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,</i>	
	we worship you.	
	<i>O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High,</i>	
	<i>gate of heaven, burning flame of love,</i>	
	we worship you.	
	<i>O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love,</i>	
	<i>full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,</i>	
	we worship you.	

O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,

we worship you.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

~ please use this time of silence to personally confess your sins to God ~

...Amen

HYMN 551

Lord Have Mercy

Congregation

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on Colossians 1:19-22)

Pastor Murray

...Believe the Good News: through the cross of Christ, we are forgiven and reconciled to God.

Praise be to God!

HYMN 227 (2X)

Jesus, Remember Me

Congregation

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

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.

◆ GOSPEL READING John 19:1-11(NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

MESSAGE

Thorns
Sermon Series *Lent in Plain Sight*

HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:38-41 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

SOLO

Were You There?

Mary Dailey

Financial gifts and prayer cards can be deposited in offering plates as you exit.

*You are welcome to remain and pray as long as you need.
When you are ready to depart, please exit in silence.*

Today's Service

Music

Mary Dailey

Liturgist

Teagan W

Trustee

Sue C

Ushers

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The mission committee will be holding its annual food drive for the Life Center through 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.



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

Sunday Bible Study **May 3rd**

Bible Study is on the 1st and 3rd 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.



Tuesday Evening Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study

On a break for now

Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study

New six-week study on *Acts*, starts April 8th



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

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 25th, 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

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



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Worship Plans

Sermon Series for Lent:

Lent In Plain Sight

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April 5, Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8am and 10am John 20:1-18

Pancake Breakfast 9am; Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 Worship

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

April 12: *New Community*

Matthew 18:21-35

April 19: *New Priorities*

Matthew 6:25-34 Bells

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

Our Mission:

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



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