



God is Love

1 JOHN 4:8

1 John 4:7-8: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Communion Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

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

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

PRELUDE Mary Dailey
PRELUDE HYMN 401 (vs. 1-3) *Gather Us In* Congregation

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Winslow

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff C

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;*  
**God's love is strong and it never ends!**  
*God welcomes all,*  
**Strangers and friends;**  
*God's love is strong*  
**And it never ends!**

◆ HYMN 389 *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord* Congregation  
***Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse***

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Murray

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *I'll Fly Away* Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jeff C

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:12-17 (NKJV) Jeff C
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*we begin in silent confession and then pray together*)
O God, how joyful it is to be in Your house, and worship together! Yet that joy is tinged with sorrow as we remember our many transgressions. Now let the weight of our sorrow be lifted by the One who has carried our burdens, and taken our place on His cross. We are forgiven. Thank You Jesus! Amen.

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Jeff C

...Let us rejoice in the forgiveness of God poured out.

Alleluia! 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 READING 1 John 4:7-8 (NKJV)

Pastor Winslow

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

MESSAGE

Love Does

Pastor Winslow

Sermon Series: Scripture Shapes Us

HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Congregation

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

CALL OF THE OFFERING

Pastor Murray

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

Pastor Winslow

◆ 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
WORDS OF CELEBRATION AND INSTITUTION

...Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the saving death of our Risen Lord,

until he comes again.

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...**

...We give you thanks for the bread and the fruit of the vine

it is not these foods that nourish us but the presence of Christ's Spirit and your call to which we respond that turns our dependence away from everything else except you.

So we ask that you, O Lord, bless this bread;

that gives itself to us with its terrible weight and its infinite grace.

We ask you, O Lord, to bless this cup,

poured out for us with a love that makes all things new and celebrates that which is lost is found.

...Seeking the fullness of Christ, we pray in his holy name. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE (*all bread is gluten free*)

GIVING GOD THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFTS

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Having tasted the goodness of the Lord at his table, being named loved by God, let us find one another and celebrate the goodness of God. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, now and always.

And also with you!

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Pastor Murray

◆ HYMN 542 (vs. 1-3)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Winslow

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

### Today's Service

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Music       | Mary Dailey and The Chancel Choir |
| Liturgist   | Jeff C                            |
| Trustee     | Paul P                            |
| Ushers      | Gary G                            |
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*\*Prayer cards may be placed on the offering plate or in the box in Chandler Hall.*

**Question: What is one unique way that you've experienced the love of God in your life this past week?**



**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.



**Second Thursday of each month at 1pm in Ayers' Parlor** or Zoom in with us if you can't make it to church.

Contact Janice F if you have any questions or want to join us.

Here's what we are reading next:

**For September 11**

*John Adams*, by David McCullough

**For October 9**

*A Calamity of Souls*, by David Baldacci



**Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Starting Tuesday, September 23 from 7-8:15**

Please contact co-leaders Sue Cand Janice F for more information.

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Starting September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30**

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

**September'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: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl>

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

**For youth: *Not A Fan—Teen Edition*:** This study, based on Pastor Kyle Idleman's best-selling book, will challenge teens to re-think the reality of their relationship to Jesus, and consider whether they are a committed follower of Christ, or just a "fan".

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/187042>

**General audience: *40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith*:** Following from our recent "Scripture shapes us" sermon series, this is an opportunity to discover a number of lesser-known Bible verses, which can help you to navigate through all the different seasons of life. Led by Laurie

Short. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/338075>

**For grandparents: *Shepherding Your Grandchildren*:** 12:2 Take this study to learn more about how you can be a godly influence on your grandchildren, and help in the creation of a spiritual legacy that will bless their entire lives"

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/914654>



North Littleton Promise is one of our key partner ministries in the area, focusing on outreach to the local Hispanic Community, including co-hosting a Conversational English class with us! Their annual Fiesta fundraising event is coming up on **Friday, September 19th at 6pm**, at South Fellowship Church (6560 S. Broadway, 80121). FPCL is sponsoring a table at this event for 8-10 attendees from our church! Come to enjoy delicious homemade Mexican food, meet some of the families that NLP works with, and learn more



about how this special ministry is making a difference for Christ in the heart of Littleton's vibrant Hispanic community. Contact Pastor Blakeley with any questions!



**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. 10:30-3:30;

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 D with questions or to volunteer. On behalf of the kids, **thank you!**

### *Worship Focus*

*September 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>*

### *Love In Action*

*September 14- Love Beyond Limits Matthew 5:43-48*

*September 21- Crossing the Road for a Stranger Luke 10:25-37*

*September 28- To Love a Neighbor Mark 12:28-34*

**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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