



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:3-5 (NRSVUE)

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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 HYMN 331

This Is My Song
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Bob C Congregation

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

Dave LM

♦ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you! An

And also with you!

◆ Call to Worship

Jesus says, "If any want to become my disciples,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

We come, seeking the way of Christ.

The world tells us to save our lives, to hold tight, to put ourselves first.

But Jesus calls us to lose our lives for his sake, and in so doing, to find true life.

Come then, followers of Jesus.

Let us worship God together, with hearts open to Christ's call.

♦ HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision Congregation

# Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Winslow

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

Prayer for Illumination Dave LM

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:3-13 (NRSVUE)

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, we confess that we have not always denied ourselves. We cling to comfort and avoid sacrifice. We chase after gain and neglect your call to love. We choose our own way instead of the way of Christ.

Forgive us. By your grace, turn us back to you. Give us courage to take up the cross, to follow where Jesus leads, and to find our life in you alone. Amen.

HYMN 551 LORD, HAVE MERCY Congregation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Dave LM

Friends, hear the Good News: The one who calls us to follow is also the one who forgives. In Jesus Christ, we are set free to live new lives.

Thanks be to God!

Believe the Good News of the gospel: 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.

~~~ Proclaiming God's Word ~~~

♦ Gospel Luke 9:23-26 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

MESSAGE What Disciples Do: **Deny Ourselves** 

Pastor Murray

HYMN 340 This Is My Song Congregation

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

CALL OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

♦ 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 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 ever-lasting. Amen.

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

Pastor Winslow

♦ HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Congregation

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

♦ BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE Bob C

Question: Examine your daily life; where is Jesus inviting you to "deny yourself" in order to follow him more fully?

# **Today's Service**

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Paul P
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Diane C, Kathy F and Gary G
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# Worship Focus

"What Disciples Do:\_\_\_\_\_" is the sermon series that will carry us from October-November.

October 26: Wrestle with Scripture/Faith - John 6:47-69 [Reformation Day]

November 2: Commune - Acts 2:42-49 [All Saints' Day]

**Church Family Photos** 

**Dates: TODAY** 

When: 30 minutes before and after worship

Where: Ayers Parlor

Have Ready: Contact Information [Address, email, phone number(s)]

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

# Sunday Bible Study Today

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.

### October 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:

If you have any trouble creating your account, or accessing content, please contact Pastor Blakeley for assistance! For youth and single adults

"Single but in a relationship with God": Join Gabrielle Santiago as she teaches about embracing your single status as a gift from God, and leaving aside those relationships which aren't meant for you in order to embrace your real relationship, and purpose, with God.

### **General audience**

"Living for Christ in the workplace": Award-winning sportscaster James Brown, and NFL Hall of Fame coach Tony Dungy lead this exploration of how we can better share our faith through our careers, because our belief in Jesus shouldn't just stay in church, but travel with us wherever we go!

#### General audience

"Messengers of the Gospel": The Biblical call to share our faith, and make disciples, is for all Christians to follow. This study will empower you to live as a Messenger of the Gospel, illustrating Scriptural truths with real-life testimonies, and scenes from the hit series on the life of Jesus and His followers—The Chosen.

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



WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE

The mission committee will be collecting new hats, gloves and scarves during the month of October. Collection bins will be placed at the Windermere entrance and in Chandler Hall.

Second Annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival! Saturday, October 25th

from 12pm to 3pm

Volunteer opportunities are available with a sign-up sheet in Chandler Hall



Peacemakers Country Store Christmas Sale Save the date December 7, 2025, 8:30-10:00, 11:00-2:00, Chandler Hall.



### Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study every Tuesday from 7-8:15

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

### Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Stuby every Wednesday from 10-11:30

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



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 November 13

The Lady and the Unicorn, by Tracy Chevalier

### For December 11

no book, just a Christmas potluck lunch get-together!



Christmas Cantata Rehearsal Starts October  $26^{th}$  at 8:30am on the  $4^{th}$  floor.

### **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.

