



*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24 (NRSVUE)*

Sunday, August 24, 2025

*Please be seated, silence all devices, and prepare yourself for worship.
All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!*

PRELUDE

PRELUDE HYMN 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Mary Dailey
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

Alexandra H

*Open to us the gates of righteousness,*

**that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord!**

*Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.*

**This is the day the Lord has made;**

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.**

*We will shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One among us!*

**Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy!**

◆ HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Congregation

Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD ~~~

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Bill G, Saxophonist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alexandra H

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:1-6 (NRSVUE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alexandra H

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(we begin in silent confession and then pray together)

Gracious God, you are our strength and our salvation, yet we often live as if we have none. You have opened the gates of righteousness, but we hesitate to enter. We place our trust in our own strength and forget to give you thanks. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Restore us to draw water from your wells of grace and to proclaim your goodness to the world. Amen.

HYMN 551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Congregation

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

SHARING GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Alexandra H

Hear the good news: Surely God is our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is our strength and our song — and has become our salvation!

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 Psalm 118:19-24 (NRSVUE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

God is still speaking.

Pastor Murray

MESSAGE

Rejoice and Be Glad

Pastor Murray

Sermon Series: Scripture Shapes Us

HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Congregation

~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ~~~

CALL OF THE OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Bill G, Saxophonist

◆ 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

We believe in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake shared human life and human death, even death on a cross.

We believe in the love of God, who is the source of all life and whose power raised Jesus from the dead.

We believe in the community of the Holy Spirit, who works without ceasing to unite believers of every time and place in their one Lord, Jesus Christ.

We believe in an amazing God, a risen Christ, a life-giving Spirit, whom together delights in our laughter, rejoices in our kindness, celebrates our faithfulness, and sends us to witness to God’s work in and through us and the world. Amen.

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| MINUTE FOR MISSION | North Littleton Promise The Conversational English Class | Joy C |
| PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35) | | Pastor Winslow |
| ◆ HYMN 36 | <i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i> | Congregation |
| ~~~ CARRYING GOD’S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD’S WORLD ~~~ | | |
| ◆ BENEDICTION | | Pastor Murray |
| POSTLUDE | | Mary Dailey |

Question: *When in your life have you most clearly felt joy because of God's presence?*

Sunday Bible Study **September 7**

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.

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: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl>

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 [KAREN@FPCL.ORG](mailto:karen@fpcl.org).. **PHOTO SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 1st!**

ALSO, PLEASE ADD YOUR PIN TO THE MAP IN CHANDLER HALL.



Want to make a difference in your community and be a good neighbor? FPCL is looking for volunteers to help with our Conversational English class for our friends in the Hispanic Community, held in conjunction with our ministry partners at North Littleton Promise! The Conversational English classes will be starting on **Tuesday, September 9th** and will run through early December. We are currently hoping to offer two different class times: **4:30pm to 5:30pm** and **6:15pm to 7:15pm**. If you are available to help during either one of those time slots, we would love to have you! NO prior experience is needed, you do NOT have to know any Spanish, and ALL teaching materials will be provided!! Classes will meet at the North Littleton Promise facility (5933 S. Fairfield St.) which is just a 5-minute drive from the church! Please contact Pastor Blakeley if you have any questions, and to get signed up!



To our friends and neighbors, starting the week of August 18-22, through the end of the month, 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#/>

Today's Service

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Bill G, Saxophonist
Alexandra H
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**Prayer cards may be placed on the offering plate or in the box in Chandler Hall.*

Our Noisy Offering is NEXT WEEK! It's time to search for your coins. Look under the couch cushions, on your dresser, in your car, and shake out that piggy bank. August 31 will be the annual fifth Sunday noisy offering for the deacon's fund. We have been supporting people's needs in our church, please help us continue to do this important work.

Church Office: 303-798-1389; fpcl@fpcl.org

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. 10-3:30 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 at with questions or to volunteer.

On behalf of the kids, **thank you!**

*Worship Focus
July 20th to September 7th*

*We begin a new sermon series entitled **Scripture Shapes Us** which is based on your submissions of scripture passages that have been foundational in your lives.*

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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