



*Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
Psalm 139:7-8 (NRSVUE)*

Sunday, August 17, 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 438 (vs. 1-2) *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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

Jeff C

*Where can we go from God's Spirit?*

*Where can we flee from God's presence?*

**If we climb to the heavens, God is there.**

**If we make our bed in the depths, still God is with us.**

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God —  
not hardship or fear, not even death.*

**We come to worship the One whose light shines in our darkness,  
whose love will never let us go.**

LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH HOPE, WITH TRUST, AND WITH JOY!

◆ HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Congregation

Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD ~~~

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Megan Van De Hay, Vocalist

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeff C

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:31-39 (NRSVUE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jeff C

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(we begin in silent confession and then pray together)

Loving God, we confess that we try to hide — from others, from ourselves, and even from you. We run from your presence when we feel unworthy, and doubt your love when life feels uncertain. We forget that neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Forgive us. Search us. Find us again in the depths and restore us by your grace. 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

...Believe the Good News: There is nothing — no place too far, no darkness too deep, no sin too great — that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Through 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.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:7-12 (NRSVUE)

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD ~~~

This is the Word of the Lord.

God is still speaking.

Pastor Murray

MESSAGE

Never Beyond God’s Presence

Pastor Murray

Sermon Series: Scripture Shapes Us

HYMN 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Congregation

CALL OF THE OFFERING

~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ~~~

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Megan V D H, Vocalist

◆ 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

God is everywhere.

We are always in the presence of God.

In our drive to work or walks in the mountains.

In simple conversation or quiet rest.

In new schemes and old daydreams.

When we gather to eat or stand to sing.

We are always in the presence of God.

God is everywhere.

We are never beyond God’s presence.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Personnel Committee

Ashley R

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

Pastor Winslow

◆ HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

Question: *What is the best costume you ever wore?*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor and celebration of Taylor Ann Meersman's birthday on August 15th. They are given with much love and many hugs from her family! xoxo*

Today’s Service

|               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Music         | Mary Dailey                       |
| Special Music | Megan V D H, Vocalist             |
| Liturgist     | Jeff C                            |
| Trustee       | Trey McD                          |
| Ushers        | Connie S, Diane C and Donna Sue B |
| Cover Image   | Bible Study Framework             |

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

**Our Noisy Offering** is coming soon! 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.

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**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. with questions or to volunteer.

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

### 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.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** To everyone who contributed to making our Western Welcome Week Celebration such a success! To all those who donated used books, shared their quilts with us, worked at the used book sale sorting, selling organizing books and at the quilt show, registering quilts, displaying quilts over the pews, being “white glove quilt angels”, selling tickets for our mission quilt, acted as door greeters, and donated time, effort and money —we are indeed grateful. Thank you to Our Troop 444 for all the help they give us year after year. We connected with hundreds of people in our community and made hundreds of dollars to go to Whiz Kids and Habitat for Humanity.



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#/>

*Worship Focus*  
*July 20<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>*

*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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