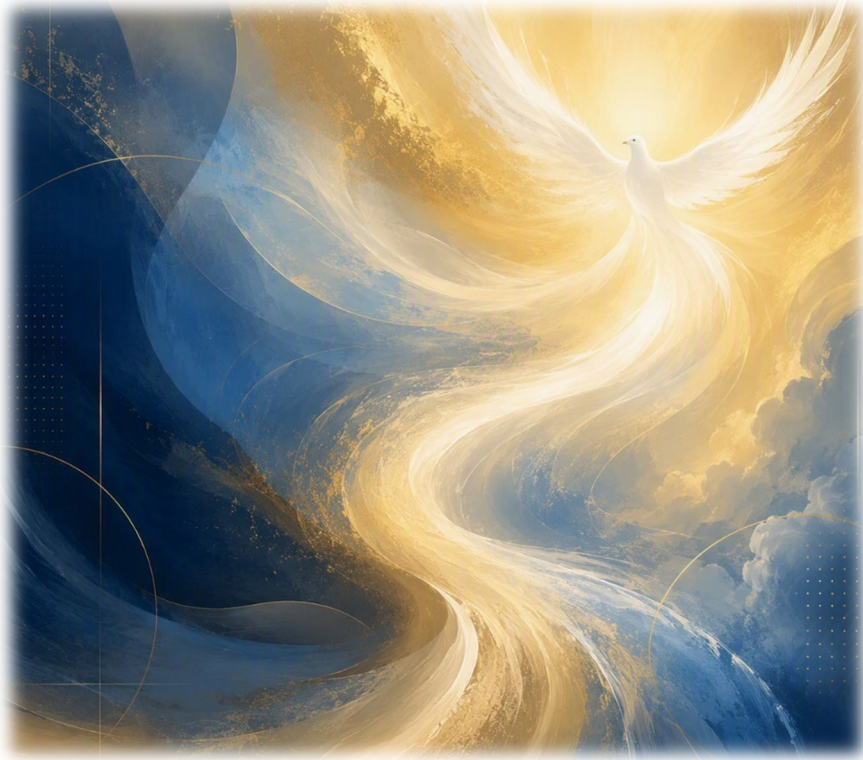




First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

John 16:13

Sunday, August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

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

PRELUDE

Mary Dailey

OPENING HYMN 301 (vs. 1,3,4 & 5)

Let Us Build a House

Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE

*The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!***

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Grow

*The Spirit of God gathers us from many places,  
bringing different stories, questions, and hopes.*

***We come, trusting that Christ welcomes us all.***

*When voices compete and opinions differ,  
the Spirit invites us to listen with humility.*

***When certainty gives way to curiosity,***

***God opens new paths before us.***

*Jesus promised that the Spirit would continue to lead us into truth.*

***We come to worship the God who is still speaking,  
still guiding, still calling us into deeper love.***

*Come, let us worship God*

◆ HYMN 19

*God of Great and God of Small*

Congregation

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Matthew Dailey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Grow

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 15:1-19 (NRSVUE)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, too often we confuse our preferences with your will. We cling to familiar traditions while overlooking the new things you are doing. We speak before we listen. We defend our opinions instead of seeking understanding. We allow disagreement to become division, certainty to become pride, and fear to become exclusion.

Forgive us. Give us the humility to admit that we do not possess the whole truth. Teach us to recognize your Spirit in voices we might otherwise dismiss. Shape us into a community that reflects the generous welcome of Jesus Christ, whose table is wider than our imaginations and whose grace is greater than our fears.

Renew us by your Spirit. Amen.

HYMN 579

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Congregation

Kyrie eleison (3x) Christe eleison (3x) Kyrie eleison (3x)

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Jim Grow

... Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

◆ HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Congregation

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

◆ GOSPEL READING: John 16:12-15 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE

When the Church Disagrees

Sermon Series *"Spirit on the Move"*

HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Matthew 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 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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD BE WITH YOU!*

**AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

*LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!*

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO GOD!**

*LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD.*

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE...**

*...And when the time was right, out of your great love for the world, you came to us, lived among us, lifting up humanity, to heal our brokenness and redeem us.*

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who by his life, death, and resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

*...We believe that in sharing these elements of bread and grapes that our faith will grow as we are united with Christ.*

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us that the sharing of the bread that we break and the cup we drink may be for us Christ's real presence.**

*We remember that Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying,*

**"This is my body, given for you."**

*So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying,*

**"This is the new covenant poured out for you.**

*Do this in remembrance of me." For every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord,*

**Until he comes again.**

*Renew us with your life, O Christ, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.*

**Amen.**

INVITATION TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

◆ HYMN 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

Where have you experienced disagreement leading not to division, but to deeper understanding — and how might the Holy Spirit be inviting our church to practice that kind of listening today?

Today's Service

Music

Mary Dailey & Matthew Dailey

Liturgist

Jim Grow

Trustee

Paul Parish

Ushers

Mary Doner, Merry Snyder, Diane Caby & Kathy Frear

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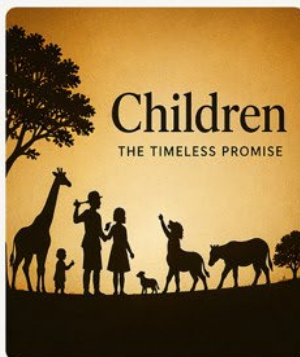
Biblical teaching for every person in every season.



Influencing

Megan Alexander shares how Christians can have influence in mainstream media while holding fast to integrity and faith.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/335167>



Children

Timeless shadow puppet stories reveal God's promises from creation to eternity, pointing to Jesus and His plan for redemption.

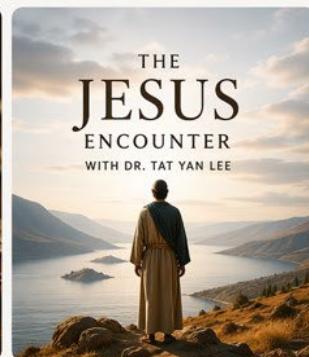
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Table Fellowship

Bianca Juárez explores Jesus's interactions around the table and inspires us to invite others, open God's Word, and break bread together.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/720472>



General

Dr. Tat Yan Lee helps us discover who Jesus is and grow in faith for a closer walk with Him.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/916535?session=921277>

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



Presents the 23rd Annual

Western Welcome Week

Quilt Show &

Used Book Sale

Come enjoy the beautiful quilts displayed in our Historic Sanctuary (built in 1929 by Jules Jacques Benois Benedict) and Used Book Sale!

Quilt Drop-off Day: Thursday, August 13th 12-6pm

Quilt Show & Used Book Sale: Friday, August 14th 12-6pm

Quilt Show & Used Book Sale: Saturday, August 15th 8:30am-3pm

****Quilts must be picked up on Saturday, August 15th @ 3pm**

A beautiful hand quilted mission quilt has been generously donated to the Peacemakers to be included in a chance drawing on Saturday August 15, at 3:00pm. All proceeds from the Quilt Show will benefit "Faithfully K-9" - a service to our veterans, who provide individual dog training.

Chance Tickets: **\$1** each or **6** for **\$5**

Proceeds from the Used Book Sale will benefit Whiz Kids Tutoring.

We will begin collecting books July 1st in the Welcome Center.

Contact Kathy Frear at 303-241-3405 or kathyfrear@gmail.com to arrange a drop-off or pick up.

**** LAST DAY TO DONATE BOOKS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th ****

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Matthew Dailey, Interim Office Administrator

Jessica Lund, Bookkeeper

WORSHIP PLANS

Sermon Series: *Spirit on the Move*
(A study through Acts of the Apostles)

August 9: *An Unfinished Story* (Final Sermon in Series) **Acts 28:16-31**

NEW SERIES: *Tables Shared*

August 16: *Mission & Mercy*

Luke 5:27-32

August 23: *Self-Righteous vs. Repentance*

Luke 7:36-50

UPCOMING MUSIC

August 9: Bill Graves, saxophone

August 16: Megan VanDeHey (Western Sunday)

Mission Statement:

We Welcome All to Love, Share, Serve and Grow in Christ.



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