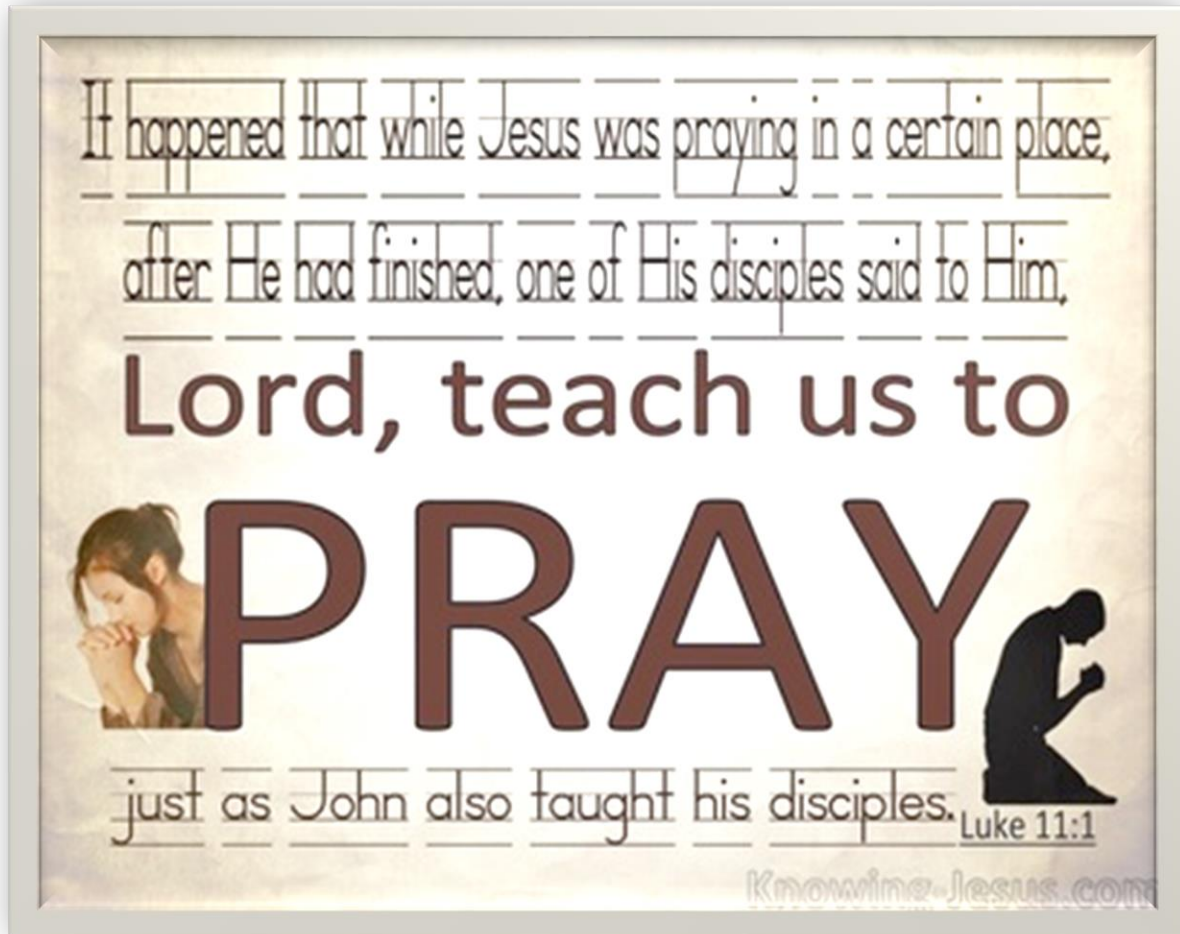




# First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



*"[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."* Luke 11:1 (NRSVUE)

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**

*Bells*

*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

*Amazing Grace*

FPCL Kalimba Consort

~~~ 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

Seth W. M

*We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our hearts,*

**For you have heard the words of our prayers.**

*Draw near to us when we call, and you strengthen us when we are weak.*

**When we called, you answered; when we prayed, you drew near.**

**You stretch out your hand, and your steadfast love endures forever.**

*When the disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray,"*

*Jesus opened the way for us to speak to God with boldness and trust.*

**So we come, asking, seeking, knocking —**

**trusting that God hears and answers with grace.**

*Let us worship the living God, who listens, responds, and gives us life.*

◆ HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Congregation

***Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Joyful, Joyful!*

FPCL Handbell Choirs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Seth W. M

SCRIPTURE Psalm 138:1-8 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> *I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;*

<sup>2</sup> **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

<sup>3</sup> *On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.*

<sup>4</sup> **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> *They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.*

<sup>6</sup> **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

<sup>7</sup> *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.*

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*we begin in silent confession and then pray together*)

**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we do not pray as we ought. We come with too many words or with none at all. We hesitate to trust your goodness and we are slow to wait for your timing. We ask for what we want and fail to listen for what you will give.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Teach us again to pray — with hearts open to your Spirit, with lives shaped by your grace, and with trust that you give good gifts to your children. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

HYMN 551

*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Congregation

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Seth W. M

*...Believe the Good News:*

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free to pray with boldness and joy.*

**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** ~~~

◆ GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

MESSAGE                      *What Disciples Do: **Pray***                      Pastor Murray

HYMN 465                      *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*                      Congregation

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

CALL OF THE OFFERING Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY                      *Marching to Zion*                      FPCL Handbell Choirs

**◆ 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 God, whose mercy is wider than the sea and whose love embraces every person.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word made flesh, who taught us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves — without boundaries of race, language, religion, or place. Jesus showed us that the stranger is our neighbor, and that mercy is the path to life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see Christ in every person, who transforms our hearts to welcome the outsider, and who gives us courage to cross lines of fear and prejudice.**

**We believe the Church is called to be a community of radical welcome, a living sign of God's hospitality, and a servant to all in need. Amen**

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

◆ HYMN 451      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*      Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

Question: Jesus taught his disciples to pray with boldness and trust, believing that God hears and responds. When you think about your own life of prayer, do you find it easier to:

- ask God for what you need or
  - to trust God with the answer?
- Why is one of these easier for you?

### Today's Service

Director of Handbell Choirs & Children/Youth Music  
Music

Director of Music

Liturgist

Trustee

Ushers

Image

Karen A. Meersman  
FPCL Handbell Choirs

Mary Dailey

Seth W. M

Don M

Connie S

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**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 25<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm Volunteer opportunities are available with a sign-up sheet in Chandler Hall**

## **Sunday Bible Study** **October 19**

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

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*.



**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 Study every Wednesday from 10-11:30**

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

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***Worship Focus***

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

*October 19: Deny Ourselves – Luke 9:23-25*

*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 and October 19**

**When: 30 minutes before and after worship**

**Where: Ayers Parlor**

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

**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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