



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3 (NRSVUE)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

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

PRELUDE

Mary Dailey

PRELUDE HYMN 442 (vs. 1 &4) *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

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**

Dylan P

*The Lord is our shepherd — there is nothing we lack.*

**Christ calls us by name and leads us to still waters.**

*He restores our souls and walks with us, even in the darkest valleys.*

**Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.**

*Come, let us follow him in worship, in trust, and in joy!*

◆ **HYMN 409**

*God Is Here!*

Congregation

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

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD ~~~

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Ashley R

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dylan P

SCRIPTURE Palm 23 (NRSVUE)

Dylan P

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

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

Loving Shepherd, we confess that we have wandered from your paths. We have not listened for your voice, nor followed your lead. We have trusted other voices, those that promise ease or control, and we have forgotten your faithful care.

Forgive us, and lead us back into your fold. Help us to hear your voice and follow you, for in you alone we find life, safety, and rest. Amen.

HYMN 551 *LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Congregation

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

SHARING GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Dylan P

Friends, hear the good news: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep — and takes it up again that we might live. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored.

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 John 10:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

MESSAGE

*Fork in the Road*

Pastor Murray

*Sermon Series: Scripture Shapes Us*

HYMN 187 (vs 1-3)                      *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Congregation

~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ~~~

CALL OF THE OFFERING

Pastor Murray

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 *The Good Shepherd*

I believe I need a shepherd. I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident, because I don't know the best path even when pretend I do; because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places; because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness; because the things I crave may not be what is good for me.

I believe Jesus is the best possible shepherd; his wisdom leads me to where I need to be, his word comforts me when I am anxious or afraid, and his arm steadies me when I feel weary or heavy-laden.

I believe that I do not find Jesus, but he finds me, that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace, the love he gives me is to be shared with others, that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me, that his fold transfixes earth and heaven. I trust Jesus, and I believe he is the good shepherd. Amen.

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| MINUTE FOR MISSION | Whiz Kids | Loretta D & Ashley W |
| PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35) | | Pastor Winslow |
| ◆ HYMN 20 (vs. 1 & 2) | All Things Bright and Beautiful | Congregation |
| ~~~ CARRYING GOD’S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD’S WORLD ~~~ | | |
| ◆ BENEDICTION | | Pastor Murray |
| POSTLUDE | | Mary Dailey |

Question: *Where do you find hope when life feels hard?*

Today’s Service

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| Music | Mary Dailey |
| Liturgist | Dylan P |
| Trustee | Beth O |
| Ushers | Deb G, Joy C and Gary G |
| Cover Image | First Pres Quilt Show |

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

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

Staff Schedule:

Pastor Jonathan Murray, Minister of Word and Sacrament -----Tue. & Thu. 9a-2p, or by appt.

Pastor Blakeley Winslow, Pastor of Christian Discipleship-----Mon. 9:30a-2:30p;
Tue. 1p- 4:30p;
Wed. 10:30a-3:30p;
or by appt.

Lydia Cooper, Office Manager----- Tue.-Thu. 9a –2p

Mary Dailey, Director of Worship Arts

Karen A. Meersman, Director of Handbells & Children/Youth Music

Joan Lund, Financial Secretary

Tracy Eidson, Child Care

KING SOOPERS REWARDS 2nd QUARTER (April to June 2025) UPDATE –

The church received our 2nd quarter payout for the 2025 King Soopers reward card program. We received \$434 from 61 rewards members cards used. **This was a slight increase in proceeds received in the 1Q of this year!** For those who used your rewards, thank you for linking your King Soopers reward number to the FPCL church account. Remember to use your KS rewards account each time you are purchasing groceries, pharmacy, and other purchases. We are happy to help people sign up for the program anytime. It’s easy to use so we are encouraging more people to sign up to help the church. Encourage your family and friends to sign up also. Using your rewards card helps raise monies for our church.

Any questions, please call Sue C , 303-347-9191.

Sunday Bible Study **August 17th**

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!

Don't forget to pick up the Western Welcome Week Announcement in Chandler Hall. Don't be a wet "quilt" come check out the Quilt Show and the Used Book Sale.

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.*

FPCL is looking for volunteers to serve in the Welcome Center on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm**. Please consider signing up to assist our neighbors. Please reach out to Pastor Blakeley with any questions or to sign up.

You can sign up to volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A9AF2EAAFC1-55790041-welcome>



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 VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BETSY AND BEN RENZ ON SHARING THEIR MUSIC WITH US ALL.

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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