



# First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."  
Mark 8:34 (NKJV)

## **Communion Sunday March 1, 2026**

*All of God's children are welcome, including their wiggles and giggles!  
Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.*

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

PRELUDE  
PRELUDE HYMN 69

*Here I Am, Lord*

Mary Dailey  
Congregation

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Winslow

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne M

*"Take up thy cross and follow Me", I heard my Master say*

**"I gave My life to ransom thee, surrender your all today"**

*Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads, I'll go*

**I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads, I'll go.**

◆ HYMN 167 (vs. 1-4)

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Congregation

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Murray

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*O Sacred, Wondrous Love*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anne M

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-3 (NKJV)

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Father God, as we continue our journey through Lent, we acknowledge the wayward tendencies of each of our own hearts, leading us to wander through the desert of our selfish sins. But even as we try to turn away from Your Face, You, O Lord, remain ever before our eyes. With Your merciful forgiveness to light the way, may we embrace the spirit of repentance, as You guide us towards the hope of Easter, and the promise of Your love. Amen!**

HYMN 575

*LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US*

Congregation

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

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

◆ 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. Amen.*

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

◆ GOSPEL READING Mark 8:31-38 (NKJV)      Pastor Winslow  
*This is the Word of the Lord.      **God is still speaking.***

MESSAGE

*Cross*

*Sermon Series: Lent in Plain Sight*

HYMN 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Congregation

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

CALL OF THE OFFERING

Pastor Winslow

OFFERTORY

*All Are Welcomed At The Table*

Chancel Choir

◆ HYMN      Doxology (Words for Lent)      Congregation  
**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit, who imparts,  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION      Pastor Winslow

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*ADAPTED FROM THE BELGIC CONFESSION OF FAITH 1561*)

**We believe with the heart and confess with the mouth that there is only one  
God, and that He is eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite,  
almighty, perfectly wise, just, and good.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ according to His Divine nature is the only begotten  
Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made, nor created, but co-essential and  
co-eternal with the Father, the brightness of His glory and the express image of  
His person, equal unto Him in all things; we also confess that He is very God and**

very man: very God by His power to conquer death; and very man that He might die for us, to bear the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death.

We believe and confess also that the Holy Spirit from eternity proceeds from the Father and the Son; and therefore neither is made, created, nor begotten, who in order is the third Person of the Holy Trinity; of one and the same essence, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son.

Therefore we always hold fast this foundation, ascribing all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, and acknowledging ourselves to be such as we really are, without presuming to trust in anything in ourselves, or in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him. Amen!

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you!*

**And also with you!**

*Lift up your hearts*

**We lift them up to God!**

*Let us give God praise*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

*...When the time was right, Holy God, you sent us Your hope in Jesus Christ, who came to set us free and bring us home from our rebellion.*

**Jesus came to shatter the chains of our arrogance and selfishness.**

*Because we have become gluttons, feasting on bitterness and fear,*

**Jesus came to be the Bread of Life that gives healing and hope.**

*Because we have become drunk on sin's soured wine,*

**Jesus came to be salvation poured into our parched souls.**

*Almighty God, in Your power You showed us that true power comes through service of our brother and sister, of the stranger, of those who are lost.*

**As we are fed by Your Word and from this table, transform us once again to be Your children in this world.**

**... Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

INVITATION TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS

*If you embrace the hope through God for the world, then you, too, are welcome to receive God's gifts. It is Christ who invites us to come, by grace through faith, and the one who invites us will in no way cast anyone out.*

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS (**ALL BREAD IS GLUTEN FREE**)

*As you pass the plate to your neighbor, please offer them "the bread of life" or "the body of Christ" and "the cup of salvation" or "the blood Christ". Our response is always "thanks be to God".*

GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF GOD

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Our Mission Statement* Rick W

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 35 Pastor Murray

◆ HYMN 63 *The Lord Is God* Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION Pastor Winslow

POSTLUDE Mary Dailey

*Some people give up something to observe Lent, while others may add in a new spiritual practice. How are you seeking to draw closer to our Lord during the current season of Lent?*

### Today's Service

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| Music       | Mary Dailey<br>Chancel Choir |
| Liturgist   | Anne M                       |
| Trustee     | Trey McD                     |
| Cover Image | Steve Kimes                  |
| Ushers      | Dick and Cathy G             |



The mission committee will be holding its annual food drive for the Life Center during March. The Director said they could use any food, but they are always in need of foods with protein such as Spam, beans, tuna, salmon, peanut butter or any nut butter. We will be collecting food through March 29. There will be a container at the Windemere entrance and at the Littleton Boulevard entrance to place your donations. Thank you in advance.

### Sunday Bible Study **TODAY**



**Open Door Circle will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30.  
All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L with any questions.**



### **Tuesday Evening Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study**

Beginning on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

### **Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study**

Beginning on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am

#### *March's RightNow Media selections*

For general audience: "**Holy Habits**"

Pastor Derwin Gray guides you in this four-part series which will uncover four foundational behaviors for Christians. Seek a new way of living this Lenten season—one formed by the rhythms of holiness.

For youth and young adults: "**Jesus in our Generation**": Celebrated pastor and author Ben Stuart helps young people to explore some of the major areas in our lives that are impacted by modern culture. This study will help those in the next generation to better understand how to respond to cultural shifts in a way remains faithful to the unchanging truths of God's Word.

**Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Thursday \*Appointments Encouraged**

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### *Worship Plans*

*Sermon Series for Lent,  
Lent In Plain Sight*

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>March 8</i>                                                 | <i>Lenten Cantata</i> | <i>Amazing Love</i>                   |              |
| <i>March 15</i>                                                | <i>Coins</i>          | <i>Ephesians 2:1-10; John 13:1-15</i> |              |
| <i>March 22</i>                                                | <i>Shoes</i>          | <i>Exodus 3:1-15; Hebrews 12:1-3</i>  |              |
| <i>March 29, Palm Sunday</i>                                   | <i>Coats</i>          | <i>Luke 19:29-40</i>                  | <i>BELLS</i> |
| <i>April 5, Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8am and 10am</i> |                       |                                       |              |
| <i>*Pancake Breakfast 9am*</i>                                 |                       |                                       |              |

### **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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