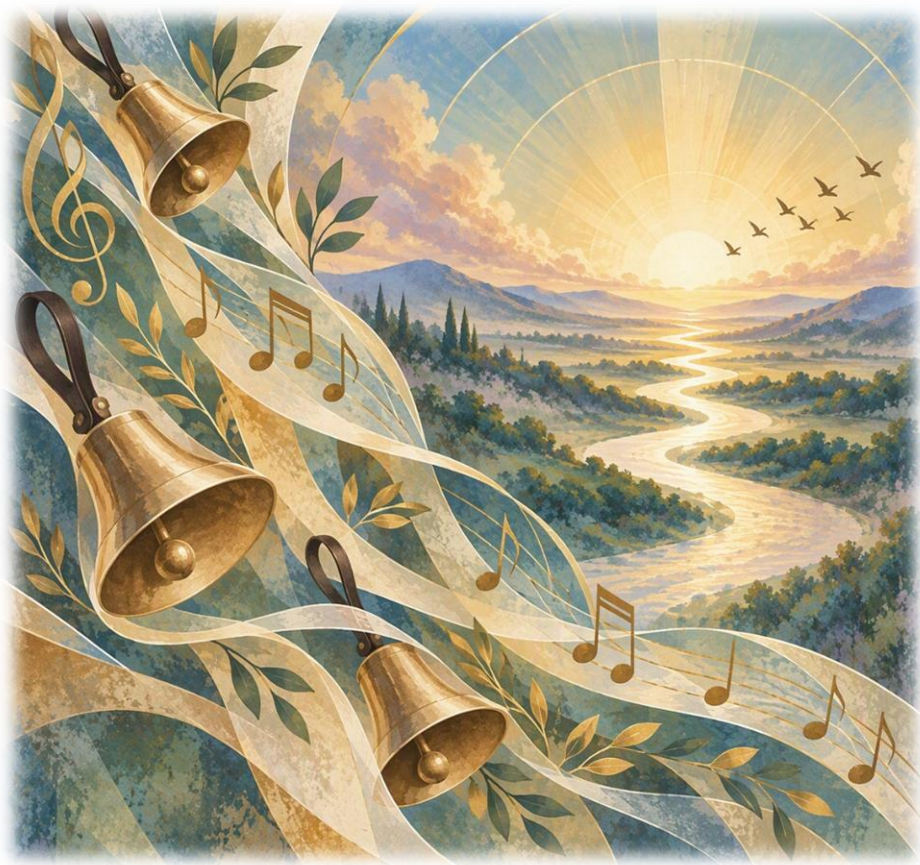


First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



"What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven – and the future starts now!"

1 Peter 1:3-4 (*The Message*)

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

PRELUDE

Mary Dailey

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Shiller

*We gather as people who have been called by Christ.*

**We come ready to listen for that call.**

*Jesus said, "Follow me."*

**We come ready to follow.**

*The road of faith is not always easy.*

*There will be questions, disappointments,  
and seasons when our faith is tested.*

**Yet we trust the God who gives us a living hope.**

*Christ calls us from the familiar into the possibilities of God's future.*

**We are willing to leave our nets and take the next step.**

*We gather as people still being formed in faith,  
still learning to love, still becoming who God calls us to be.*

**Let us worship the God who calls, sustains, and transforms us.**

◆ **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

◆ **HYMN 463**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Congregation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kelly Shiller

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-11 (*The Message*)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have called us to follow Christ, yet we confess that we often prefer to remain where we are comfortable. We hold tightly to our familiar nets — our assumptions, our fears, our possessions, our habits, and our need to be in control. We confess the times we have heard your call but allowed fear to speak louder. We confess the times we have chosen convenience over compassion, certainty over curiosity, self-protection over love, and comfort over the work of your kingdom.

Forgive us, O God. Give us courage to loosen our grip on what holds us back. Give us humility to recognize that we are still growing. Give us patience when the journey is difficult. And give us faith to follow where Christ leads. Shape us into people whose commitment to you is made visible in the way we love our neighbors, welcome the stranger, seek justice, practice mercy, and care for your creation. Amen.

HYMN 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

Congregation

**O Lord, have mercy (x3); have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy (x3); have mercy on us.**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Kelly Shiller

*... Before our faith is complete, God's grace is already at work.**Through Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to begin again.***Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.****We are free to follow. We are free to begin again. Amen.**◆ 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 Matthew 4:18-22 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

This is the Word of the Lord.

God is still speaking.

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE

*Commitment*

Sermon Series "*Cultivate*"

HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

All Creatures of Our God and King

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

Written by the Reverend Jonathan Murray for "Cultivate"

We believe in God, who creates us, loves us, and calls us to grow in faith. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord, who lived among us, showed us God's love, welcomed the stranger, served the hurting, and calls us to follow his way. We believe that Christ died and was raised, and that through him we are invited into new life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives among us and within us, teaching, guiding, challenging, and transforming us as we grow in the way of Christ. We believe in the church, where faith is learned and lived — where we worship, pray, study, serve, forgive, and encourage one another to grow. We believe in forgiveness when we fall and in the promise of new life when we begin again. Therefore, we commit ourselves to cultivate a life with Christ: to abide in his love, to learn his way, to embody his teachings, and to share his love with the world. This is our faith. This is the life we cultivate together. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Amen

◆ HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

*What is one thing you can do (as a member of a community of faith)  
that would help someone else know that they belong?*

### Today's Service

|           |                                                       |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Music     | Mary Dailey, Karen A. Meersman & FPCL Handbell Choirs |
| Liturgist | Kelly Shiller                                         |
| Trustee   | Roy Gibson                                            |
| Ushers    | Connie Strandberg                                     |
| Flowers   | Merry Snyder                                          |

# FPCL HANDBELL CHOIRS



**Karen A. Meersman**, *Director of Handbell Choirs*

Avery K. Meersman, Michaela Rodefeld, Dee Boehm,  
Maria Franklin, DeDe Middents, Taylor Ann Meersman,  
Kelly Shiller, James Bierschwale, Seth W. Meersman

RENAISSANCE & BAROQUE MUSIC IN CONCERT

# Ensemble Gothic

*Music of the vaulted ceiling, played as it was meant to be heard*



SUNDAY

October 25

AFTERNOON

2:00 PM



**Jeremiah Otto**

Harpsichord, organ &  
direction



**Jennifer Diaz Spera**

Baroque violin & viola



**Ann Marie Morgan**

Viola da gamba & baroque  
cello



**Jenna Clark**

Mezzo-soprano

WHERE

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ADMISSION

Free Will Offering

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# Peacemakers Country Store

## Christmas Sale

December 6, 2026  
8-10 am, 11-2pm

Baked Goods, Canned Jellies & Jams,  
Candy, Quilts, Stuffed Animals & more!

Every purchase goes to  
First Presbyterian Church of Littleton  
Community Assistance Program.

## Attention Women!

### Save The Date!

Friday, December 4th, 2:00 pm

## FPCL Women's Christmas Tea!

Come One , Come All, for  
Food, Fun, Festivities!

Watch for more information in November!

Merry S and Sue C  
Co-chairs

Faith  
Friendship  
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Make the  
Season  
Brighter!

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**Joan Lund**, Financial Secretary

**Matthew Dailey**, Office Administrator

**Jessica Lund**, Bookkeeper

SERMON SERIES:

# CULTIVATE

*a Life In Christ*

Cultivating a Life Rooted in Christ

Discipleship is more than a single decision — it is a lifelong process of being shaped by the love, grace, and wisdom of Jesus Christ.

Like a well-tended garden, faith grows through intentional care, faithful practices, and the quiet work of the Holy Spirit.

In this ten-week series, we will explore how Scripture invites us to cultivate habits that nurture spiritual growth, deepen relationships, strengthen communities, bear fruit for God's kingdom, and more fully become who God created us to be.

Together we will reflect on practices such as prayer, generosity, simplicity, wisdom, gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, hospitality, and faithful stewardship.

This series offers an invitation to tend the soil of your heart, trust the Spirit's transforming work, and grow into the life God is cultivating within you.

Grow • Belong • Serve • Bear Fruit

JOHN 15:8



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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | <b>NOVEMBER 1:<br/>COMMUNITY</b>       | <i>John 15:9-17<br/>Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16<br/>Colossians 3:12-17</i> |
|    | <b>NOVEMBER 8:<br/>GIFT INSIDE YOU</b> | <i>1 Corinthians 12:4-11<br/>1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3</i>             |
|   | <b>NOVEMBER 15:<br/>WORKING GIFTS</b>  | <i>Matthew 10:1-8<br/>Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16</i>                      |
|  | <b>NOVEMBER 22:<br/>THANKSGIVING</b>   | <i>Psalms 136<br/>Colossians 2:2-7<br/>Luke 17:11-19</i>              |

## Mission Statement:

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



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