



4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to

God.

Philippians 4:4-6 (NRSVUE)

## Sunday, July 27, 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 Arnie H, trumpet
PRELUDE HYMN 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 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 Alexandra H

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

We come with hearts open to God's peace, standing firm in the Lord.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

We will not be anxious about anything,

But in everything, by prayer and thanksgiving, we make our requests known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure—we will think on these things and worship the God of peace.

#### LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING!

♦ HYMN 386 (vs. 1, 4) Come, Worship God

Congregation

Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Winslow

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Arnie H, trumpet

Prayer for Illumination Alexandra H

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:2-6 (NRSVUE)

Alexandra H

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

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

God of peace and mercy, you call us to rejoice, to trust, and to pray without fear. Yet we confess how easily we are overwhelmed — by worry, by conflict, by distractions of the world. We dwell on what is broken more than on what is good. We speak with harshness rather than gentleness. We forget to bring our concerns to you in prayer.

Forgive us, O Lord. Renew in us minds fixed on Christ, hearts guarded by your peace, and lives shaped by your grace. Amen.

HYMN 551 LORD, HAVE MERCY Congregation Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Alexandra H

Friends, hear the good news: The Lord is near. Therefore, believe the good news: In Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

◆ 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 ~~~

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSVUE)

**Pastor Murray** 

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

Message Do Not Be Anxious Pastor Murray

Sermon Series: Scripture Shapes Us

HYMN 840 When Peace like a River Congregation

~~~ Responding to God's Word ~~~

Call of the Offering Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY Mary Dailey

♦ HYMN 606 Doxology Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Prayer of Dedication Pastor Murray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

Jeanne F

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

**Pastor Winslow** 

♦ HYMN 4 (vs. 1, 2, 4) Holy God, We Praise Your Name Congregation

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

◆ Benediction Pastor Murray

**POSTLUDE** Mary Dailey

### Question: What is your favorite bible passage and why?

### **Today's Service**

Music Mary Dailey Special Music Arnie H Liturgist Alexandra H Trustee Jeff C Ushers Gary G, Jim and Lynda K Cover Image dribble

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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. & Wed. 10:30a-3:30p; Tue. 1p- 4:30p; 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

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer cards may be placed on the offering plate or in the box in Chandler Hall.

#### ANNUAL BACKPACK MISSION



#### **Backpack Project--HELP**

Thank you all for the donations that have come in. We have received \$855 so far and our goal is \$1750. This allows us to put a \$50 gift card with each pack. It can be used for school supplies or clothes. Our deadline is this Sunday, July 27. These backpacks will be blessed during church on August 3. We donate these backpacks to Field Elementary School, Vietnamese Fellowship, Bethel Church and Valverde Presbyterian Church. These are all places that serve low-income children. We hope you will feel the call to donate. Thank you, Mission Committee

Blessing of the Bags will be August 3.

Mission Committee is selling peaches to dig water wells at schools in Zimbabwe.

20lbs for \$40.00

Call Karen E.

Make checks out to Saint James Presbyterian

# Worship Focus July 20<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>

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 contact Pastor Blakeley with any questions.

You can sign up to volunteer at

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

#### GRANDPARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS ALONG

Adventures with Grandparents and Grandchildren! A FREE summer program developed to foster relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren ages 4-11 yrs with games, snacks, crafts, conversation and visits from community friends! Join us on the following Mondays this summer, from **9:00am-11:30am**: **August 4**<sup>th</sup>

PLEASE SEND FLAT JESUS PICTURES TO MS. KAREN AT <u>KAREN@FPCL.ORG</u>.

DEADLINE FOR THE PICTURES IS AUGUST 15.

## Sunday Bible Study August 3rd

Bible Study is on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  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.

## July'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!

<u>For Children:</u> "JQHQ": Wild challenges combined with real kids' questions about life and God make this a fun and accessible study for youngsters.

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/883491#description

For parents and grandparents: "Creating a media-safe home": More than ever, the different forms of social media and the constant presence of the smart phone are exerting a potentially negative influence on children, starting at a young age. This study will equip parents or grandparents to better be able to help young people safely navigate these different tech and media influences, and make wiser decisions about their usage and exposure.

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/836404#description

<u>General:</u> "Judaism and our faith": This fascinating study will help you to better understand the Jewish roots of Christianity, and give you some great additional context and perspective for the interpretation of both the Old and New Testaments.

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/916784#description

### **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.

