First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



"God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit… Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful!"

1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 7 *(The Message)*

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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 — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. by Choplin — Mary Dailey

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Dave LeMay

There are many gifts, but one Spirit who calls us together.
There are many ways to serve, but one Christ who leads us in love.
Some teach, some encourage, some organize,
some create, some heal, and some quietly offer a listening ear.
Every gift matters.
Every person has a place.
Every act of love makes a difference.
We are not called to compete, compare, or prove our worth.
We are called to discover the gifts God has placed within us.
We come to worship, ready to receive the Spirit's wisdom
and share our gifts for the good of all.
For without love, even our greatest abilities are empty.
May our worship strengthen us to become the body of Christ
May we be united in purpose, diverse in gifts, and generous in love.
Let us worship God!

♦SHARING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

♦HYMN 311 — *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* — Congregation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Dave LeMay

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 *(The Message)*

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *A Thanksgiving Prayer* by Larson Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have filled your church with a beautiful variety of gifts, yet we confess that we do not always celebrate that diversity. We compare ourselves with others, believing our gifts are too small or theirs are more important. We seek recognition instead of serving with humility. We listen to the loudest voices while overlooking those who have been ignored or pushed to the margins. We have failed to make room for new voices, different perspectives, and unfamiliar ways of serving. We have forgotten that knowledge without compassion, faith without action, and ability without love cannot reflect the fullness of Christ.

Forgive us, O God. Renew our willingness to learn from one another; enable us to recognize gifts in unexpected places, encourage those who doubt their worth, and create a community where everyone can contribute meaningfully. May your Spirit shape our gifts into instruments of healing, justice, reconciliation, and hope. Teach us to do everything in love. 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 Dave LeMay

…We are forgiven, renewed, and called again to use our gifts in love. No past failure, insecurity, or missed opportunity can place us beyond the reach of God's transforming grace.

In Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and invited to share our gifts for the good of all. Thanks be to God! 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.

♦SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3 *(The Message)* Pastor Murray

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

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE *Gift Inside You*
Sermon Series *"Cultivate"*

HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Congregation

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

OFFERING Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY *Cantate Domino* by Shaw Chancel Choir

♦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 749 *We Are Called* Congregation

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

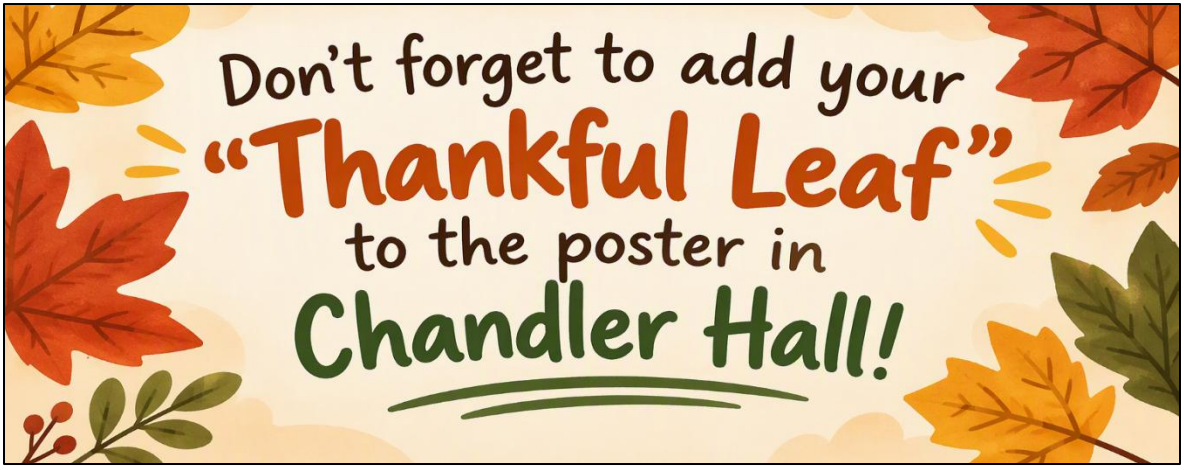
♦BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE *Like a River Glorious* arr. by Shackley Mary Dailey

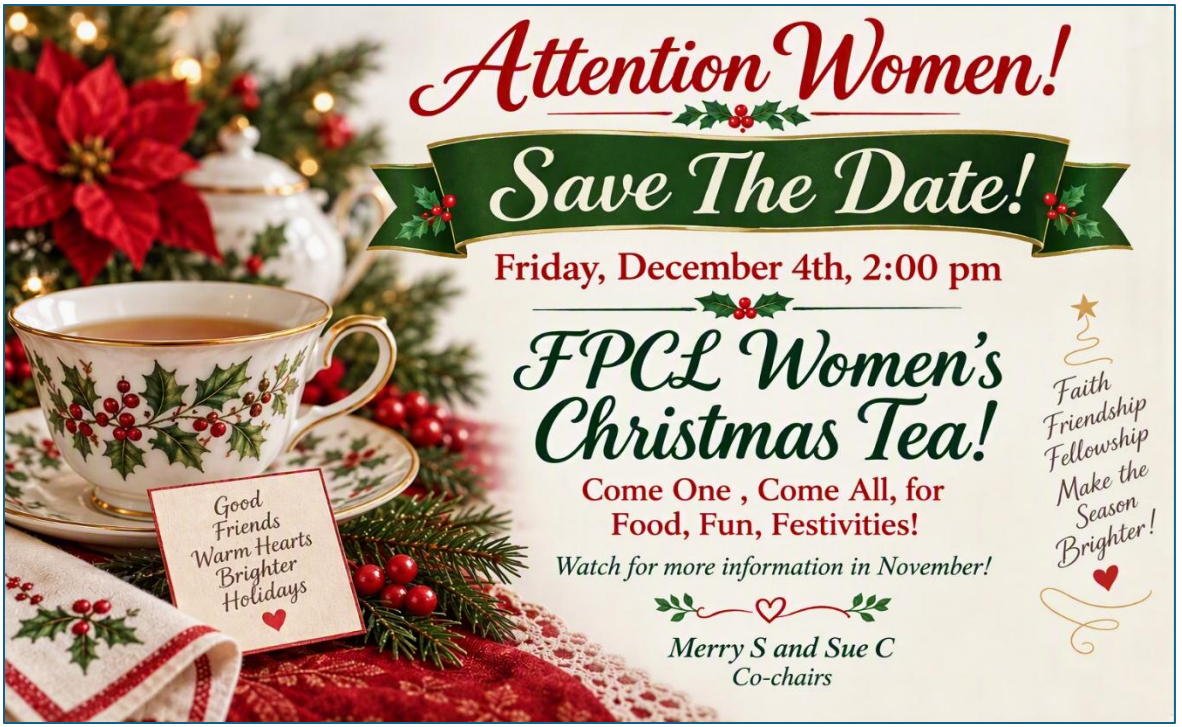
How can we become a congregation that helps people discover their gifts and makes room for everyone to use them?

Today's Service

Music	Mary Dailey, Chancel Choir
Liturgist	Dave LeMay
Trustee	Don Meersman
Flowers	Scott & Sue Chandler for Veteran's Day




Peacemakers
Country Store
Christmas Sale
December 6, 2026
8-10am, 11-2pm
Baked Goods, Canned Jellies & Jams,
Candy, Quilts, Stuffed Animals & more!
Every purchase goes to
First Presbyterian Church of Littleton
Community Assistance Program.
Small Purchases Make a Big Difference
Homemade Jellies & Jams
FAITH
COMMUNITY
KINDNESS
STRONGER
TOGETHER


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
Good Friends Warm Hearts Brighter Holidays
Faith Friendship Fellowship Make the Season Brighter!

Counting Our Blessings through...

Community
Food
Kindness
Together

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26, 2026

We will deliver delicious, fully prepared turkey dinners to people in our community again this year. Romano's Restaurant will order the food necessary for the delicious meal, store it at their facility and share their commercial kitchen with us. Talented chef Daniel Kurtz will be at the helm, assisted by Kathy Frear, Justie Ellis and many of YOU!



How You Can Help

Volunteer
Cook, pack meals, deliver, clean-up, etc.

Sign up in Chandler Hall or call Kathy Frear.

Donate
Help cover the cost of the meal.

- Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church of Littleton.
- You may also donate on the Church's website.

Note
Please clarify **"Thanksgiving Meal"** however you choose to make a payment.

A 19 Year Tradition
BEGINNING IN 2007

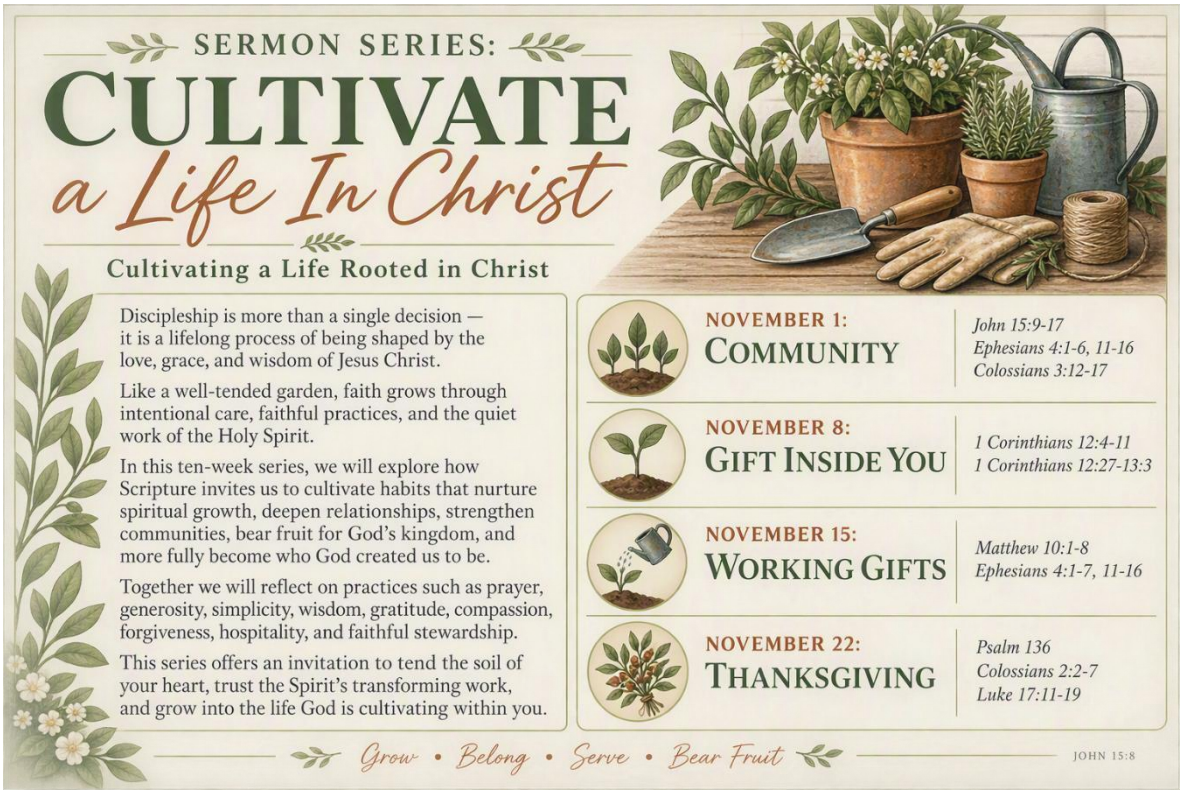
This long-standing 19 Year Tradition, beginning in 2007, is only made possible by your generous donations of time and money. Please consider contributing to this much appreciated effort.

Questions?
Call the Church Office or Kathy Frear.

GIVING THANKS • SERVING NEIGHBORS • MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Mission Statement:

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

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