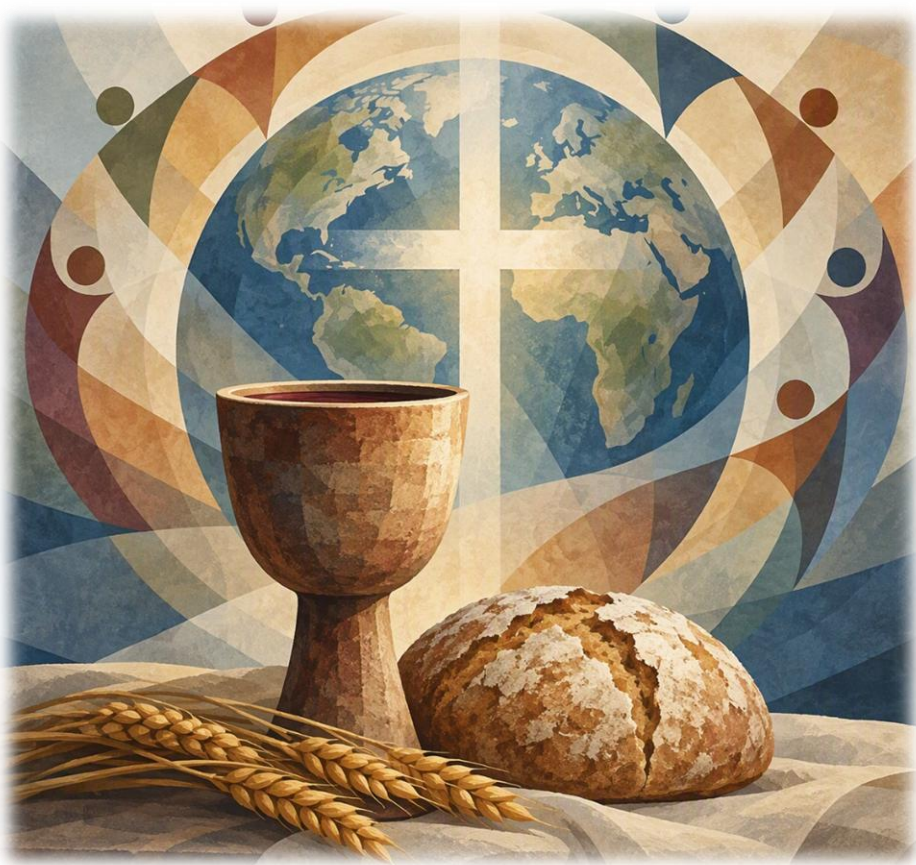




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¹⁹ Then I can say to myself, "I have enough good things stored to last for many years. Rest, eat, drink, and enjoy life!" ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'Foolish man! Tonight your life will be taken from you. So who will get those things you have prepared for yourself?'

Luke 12:19-20 (NCV)

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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**

Bill Frear

*From every nation, language, culture, and people, God calls us together.*

**We come to one table, as one people, in Christ.**

*We come carrying the fullness and the busyness of our lives.*

**Christ invites us to make room for what matters.**

*We come with what we have gathered, earned, purchased, saved, and accumulated.*

**Christ reminds us that life is more than possessions.**

*We come with our abundance and our need.*

**At God's table, there is enough for all.**

*We come from different places, yet we share one bread and one cup.*

**We are one body in Christ.**

*Let us worship the God who calls us away from fear and accumulation*

**We worship God who calls us toward gratitude, generosity, and love.**

◆ **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

◆ **HYMN 460**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Congregation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Frear

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (NCV)

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Come to the Banquet by Martin

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have given us this beautiful and abundant world, and yet we often live as though there will never be enough. We accumulate possessions while others struggle to meet their needs. We fill our calendars and wonder why we have no time.

We pursue success and forget to notice the people beside us.

We seek security in what we own rather than finding our security in you. We compare our lives with others and overlook the gifts already before us.

Forgive us, O God. Teach us the holy practice of simplicity: to release what we do not need, to treasure what truly matters, to receive your gifts with gratitude, and to share what we have with generosity. Make our lives spacious enough for love. Make our communities places where there is enough. And make your church a table where no one is forgotten and everyone has a place. 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

Bill Frear

...In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are set free.

In Christ, we are invited to begin again.

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.

◆ GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

~~~ **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD** ~~~

MESSAGE

*Simplicity*

Sermon Series "*Cultivate*"

HYMN 305

*Come Sing, o Church, in Joy!*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

One World, One Communion by Choplin

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 *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life ever-lasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

INVITATION TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen

◆ HYMN 265 (vs. 1 & 4) *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Mary Dailey

*What is one thing you might simplify this week – your schedule, your possessions, your commitments, your spending, your digital life, or something else – in order to make more room for God, for others, or simply to enjoy the life God has given you?*

*What might become possible in your life if you had a little more space?*

### Today's Service

Music

Mary Dailey, Trey McDowell & Chancel Choir

Liturgist

Bill Frear

Trustee

Kathy McDaniel

Bring your family and friends to:

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, October 17, 2026  
 ♥ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ♥

 Cookie Decorating
  Crafts
  Sing-a-Long
  Self-Guided Audio Tour

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ♥ ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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# FPCL Book Club

— ♥ All are Welcome ♥ —

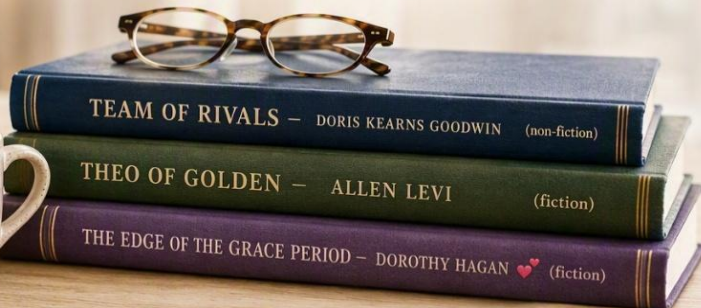
We are a small, friendly group and we welcome anyone who likes to read for casual discussions about books. We share thoughts about the books and about our lives with *no judgement*.



Group will meet the Second Thursday of each month, (except August), at 12:30pm in Ayers' Parlor (Zoom is available as well).



Reach out to Janice Fagan with any questions: jlfagan69@gmail.com



## OUR UPCOMING BOOKS



### SEPTEMBER

Team of Rivals –  
by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
(non-fiction)



### OCTOBER

Theo of Golden –  
by Allen Levi  
(fiction)



### NOVEMBER

The Edge of the Grace Period –  
by our very own Dorothy Hagan ♥  
(fiction)

Good books.  
Great friends.  
Meaningful  
conversations.



♥ Read. Share. Connect. ♥

# OPEN DOOR CIRCLE

*All Women of FPCL Are Welcome*

*Faith • Fellowship • Service*

I was glad  
when they  
said to me,  
"Let us go  
to the house  
of the Lord."  
Psalm 122:1



**3rd Thursday  
of Each Month**



**10:30 a.m.**



**Shabby Sheep Room  
(4th Floor)**

## GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Open Door Circle is a community  
of women who gather for prayer,  
Bible study, friendship, and service.

*Join Us!*

Build friendships, deepen your  
faith, and support ministries that  
make a difference in our community.

## MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT



MEALS  
ON WHEELS



SCHOOL  
BACKPACK PROJECT



CHURCH  
MISSION INITIATIVES

*For more information:*

**Kathy McDaniel**

*or*

**Linda Diekvoss**

OPENING HEARTS

OPENING FAITH

OPENING DOORS

# Shabby Sheep

Please join the *Wednesday morning*  
Shabby Sheep as we discuss

## PRACTICAL PRAYER SUPPORT

that will help you learn to enjoy  
*lingering in God's presence.*

using the  
Right Now Media series

*"Don't Try to  
Pray Like Her."*

We meet on  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**10:00 AM**

beginning on **SEPT. 30** and going through **NOV. 4**

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

**Joan Lund**, Financial Secretary

**Matthew Dailey**, Interim Office Administrator

**Jessica Lund**, Bookkeeper



SERMON SERIES:

# CULTIVATE

*a Life In Christ*

Cultivating a Life Rooted in Christ



**OCTOBER 4:**  
**SIMPLICITY**  
*Luke 12:13-21*



**OCTOBER 11:**  
**FINANCIAL WISDOM**  
*Matthew 6:19-21, 24-33*



**OCTOBER 18:**  
**GENEROSITY**  
*John 3:14-17*



**OCTOBER 25:**  
**COMMITMENT**  
*1 Peter 1:3-11*

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.

### Mission Statement:

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



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