



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



¹² Late in the afternoon, the twelve apostles came to Jesus and said, "Send the people away. They need to go to the towns and countryside around here and find places to sleep and something to eat, because no one lives in this place."

¹³ But Jesus said to them, "You give them something to eat."

Luke 9:12-13 (NCV)

Sunday, August 30, 2026
Fourteenth 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.***

PRELUDE		Mary Dailey
OPENING HYMN 613	<i>How Majestic Is Your Name</i>	Congregation
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Murray

◆ **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

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

◆ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Anne Mills

*Come into this place, all who hunger for hope and all who thirst for grace.*

**We come seeking the One who provides what we need.**

*In the wilderness, God fed the people with bread from heaven.*

**In lonely places, Christ fed the crowds with abundant love.**

*God gathers strangers into community,  
scarcity into generosity, and fear into trust.*

**We come to worship the God whose table has room for all.**

*Let us worship God.*

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| ◆ <b>HYMN 836 (v 1-3)</b> | <i>Abide with Me</i> | Congregation |
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~~~ **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD** ~~~

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| MINISTRY OF MUSIC | <i>Revelation Song arr. by Larson</i> | Merry & Sharon |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | | Anne Mills |

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16:2-8a, 13-14 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have filled creation with beauty, provided daily bread, and welcomed us to Christ's table, yet we live as though there is never enough. We confess that we have allowed fear to shape our decisions, protecting our own comfort while overlooking our neighbors' needs. We have judged others before knowing their stories, stored up more than we require, and forgotten that every good gift comes from you.

Forgive us when we complain instead of giving thanks, when we compete instead of cooperate, and when we close our hands rather than opening them in generosity. Renew our trust in your provision. Teach us to share what we have, to welcome those who hunger for food, friendship, and hope, and to become faithful stewards of the abundance you have entrusted to us. Through Jesus, who blesses, breaks, and shares the bread of life. Amen.

HYMN 579 *Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)* Congregation
Kyrie eleison (3x) Christe eleison (3x) Kyrie eleison (3x)

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS Anne Mills
...Believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

◆ 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 9:10-17 (NCV)

Pastor Murray

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

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

MESSAGE

*Wilderness Banquet*

Sermon Series *"Tables Shared"*

HYMN 769 (V 1-3, 5)

*For Everyone Born*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Eagles Wings

Merry & Sharon

◆ 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 for "Tables Shared" Sermon Series

**We believe in God, who prepares a table of grace for all people,
whose abundance is greater than our fear, and whose mercy reaches
farther than our imagination.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who shared meals with saints and sinners,
strangers and friends, rich and poor. At his table, barriers were
broken, welcome was extended, and God's kingdom was revealed. In
giving himself, Christ became the Bread of Life for the world.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us as one family, opens our hearts to hospitality, and sends us to live with justice, compassion, and peace.

We believe God's table is wide enough for all. So we will follow Jesus, share what we have, welcome whom Christ welcomes, and proclaim with joy: The table is ready. Come, for all is prepared by God's grace. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

North Littleton Promise

Maureen Shannon

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 394 (v 1 & 2)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

*Think about a time when someone's unexpected generosity met a need in your life. How might God be inviting us, as a congregation, to create "wilderness banquets" where our community most needs hope, welcome, and nourishment?*

## **Today's Service**

Music

Mary Dailey, Merry & Sharon

Liturgist

Anne Mills

Trustee

Sue Chandler

Ushers

Kevin Hagan

Flowers

"Thank you Sharon Piccin & Merry Snyder"



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

# OPEN DOOR CIRCLE

— Faith • Fellowship • Service —

**All Women of FPCL Are Welcome**

 **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**

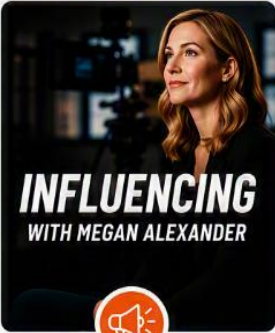
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*For more information:*  
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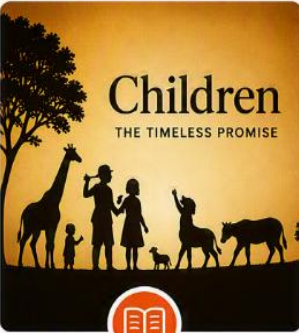
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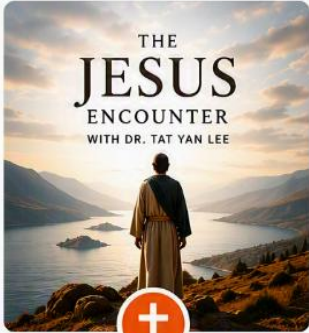
**Influencing**  
 Christians can have influence while holding fast to faith.



**Children**  
 Timeless stories revealing God's promises from creation to eternity.



**Table Fellowship**  
 Jesus used the table to teach truth and build connection.



**General**  
 Discover who Jesus is and grow closer in faith.

Links available in *The Gathering* - formerly Weekly eBlast.



**THE GATHERING**  
 Your Weekly Connection to Life at FPCL

# SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

GROW  
IN FAITH.  
TOGETHER  
IN CHRIST.

*Join us as we grow together in God's Word.*



**1st & 3rd SUNDAYS**



**IMMEDIATELY  
Following Worship**



**CHURCH BASEMENT**  
(Accessible location for all participants)

*All Are Welcome!*

Whether you're new to Bible study or have been studying Scripture for years, come for discussion, fellowship, and spiritual growth.



## 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](mailto:jlfagan69@gmail.com)

TEAM OF RIVALS — DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN (non-fiction)  
THEO OF GOLDEN — ALLEN LEVI (fiction)  
THE EDGE OF THE GRACE PERIOD — DOROTHY HAGAN ♥ (fiction)

### 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.* ♥

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# TABLES SHARED

A SERMON SERIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



Throughout the Gospel according to Luke, Jesus is constantly found at a table, on the way to a meal, or sharing food with others. Around these meals, barriers are broken, strangers become neighbors, sinners discover grace, and disciples learn what God's kingdom looks like.

In this 5 week sermon series, *Tables Shared*, we will follow Jesus through Luke's Gospel, discovering that every table becomes a place where God's abundant welcome, justice, and mercy are made visible. As we gather around these stories, we will hear Christ's invitation to practice that same generous hospitality in our own lives and communities.



**8/16**

Mission  
& Mercy

Luke 5:27-32



**8/23**

Self-Righteous  
vs. Repentance

Luke 7:36-50



**8/30**

Wilderness  
Banquet

Luke 9:10-17



**9/6**

God's  
Guest List

Luke 14:15-24



**9/13**

Restoration

Luke 15:25-32

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* LUKE 19:10

**Mission Statement:**

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



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