

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

September 1, 2020

FPCL Youth serve our community through a food drive for Littleton's Nourish Meals on Wheels!

On Saturday, August 15, *eleven* youth, a variety of parents, and 3 youth leaders hosted a food drive to support feeding the Littleton community through Littleton Meals on Wheels. With the help of a very generous congregation, the youth collected 40 boxes of non-perishable food items and many paper goods to donate! Nourish Meals on Wheels will, in turn, distribute these items to those in our community that are hungry or are unable to shop for groceries during the pandemic.

Surprise participation from our new youth director Jason and his fiancé Zoe also helped make this event special!

MANY THANKS to those who supported this effort through generous food donations!

MANY THANKS to the youth volunteer leaders for their efforts in organizing this successful event!

In the words of one of the leaders: "It reminds us that service/volunteering is something that's really important to this group. It's a tremendous testament to being the hands and feet of Christ in our community."





Please Welcome Jason Jones Director of Youth Ministries

Although Jason grew up in a Christian home on the eastern coast of North Carolina, it wouldn't be until his first year of college that he began to think critically about Christianity. Through an unlikely combination of professors who openly championed anything but Christianity, he began the journey of a lifetime that led him to know Christ as the only one who can satisfy both the human heart and mind. Since committing his life to Jesus, Jason has moved to Nashville, worked among refugees, and spoken around the country on topics related to developing a lifelong faith in the next generation.

He finished his degree in Psychology, and added a second major in Theological Studies at Welch College in Nashville, TN. He is currently pursuing an MDiv through Denver Seminary, where he is interested in evangelism and missions. His personal mission includes helping the thinker believe and the believer think. He enjoys mobilizing people to serve the most vulnerable, asking and answering tough questions, and showing others the best way to have a firework show. In his free time, nothing makes him happier than a good book and a strong cup of coffee- except maybe a good day by the water.

Deacons' Fund Fills Vital Needs From the desk of your deacon moderator...



.The Deacons would like to thank everyone for your generosity in contributing to the Deacon's fund this summer. Tradition is that a special deacon's fund appeal is collected on 5th Sundays throughout the year, however, at any time, you may make a donation to the deacon's fund. During this time of uncertainty, the needs of church members and those in our surrounding community are always present. This fund is used to help with their immediate concerns, by providing such things as rent assistance, gas, prescriptions, groceries, transportation and King Sooper's cards.

Donations to the Deacon's Fund may be mailed to or dropped off at First Presbyterian Church at 1609 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton, CO 80120. Just write "deacons fund" in the memo line on your check. The next 5th Sunday appeal is on November 29. Thank you in advance for your help and support.. Barbara Biner, Deacon Moderator

2020 Directory Update (Sept 15 Deadline)
Mail this form back to church (and photos are helpful) or email info to fpcl@fpcl.org



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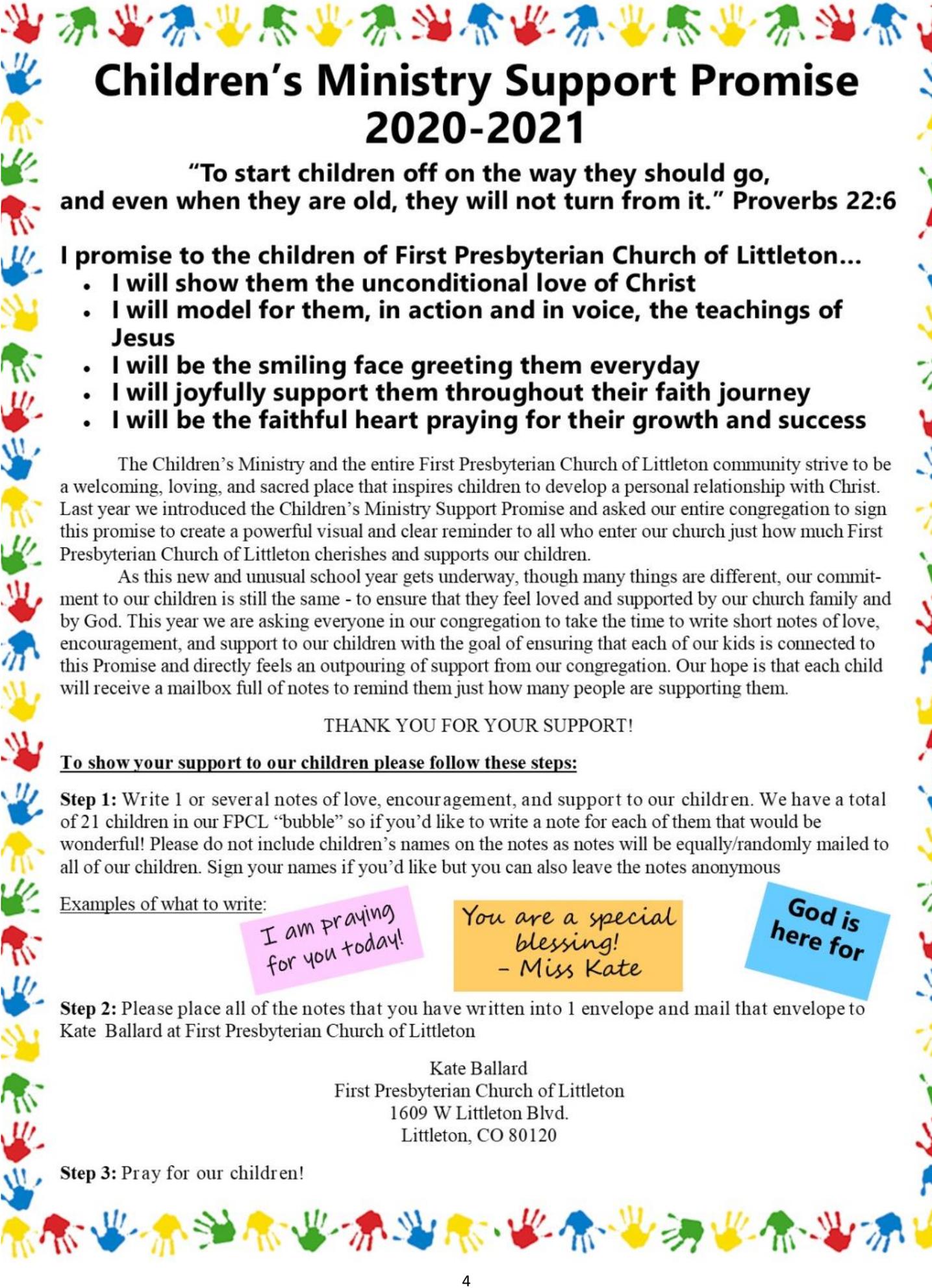
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A Heartfelt Thank You and Good Bye: Dan & Tanya Smith have been God's servants for many years here at First Presbyterian Church and now they are saying good-bye and moving to their new home in Longmont. They both have been faithful in so many areas of service... Session, Deacons, Property Committee, memorial lunches, ushers, office volunteer and so much more. Dan and Tanya, thank you so much for the love you have shown to each of us over the years. God Bless you in all of your new adventures.



Children's Ministry Support Promise 2020-2021

**"To start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6**

I promise to the children of First Presbyterian Church of Littleton...

- **I will show them the unconditional love of Christ**
- **I will model for them, in action and in voice, the teachings of Jesus**
- **I will be the smiling face greeting them everyday**
- **I will joyfully support them throughout their faith journey**
- **I will be the faithful heart praying for their growth and success**

The Children's Ministry and the entire First Presbyterian Church of Littleton community strive to be a welcoming, loving, and sacred place that inspires children to develop a personal relationship with Christ. Last year we introduced the Children's Ministry Support Promise and asked our entire congregation to sign this promise to create a powerful visual and clear reminder to all who enter our church just how much First Presbyterian Church of Littleton cherishes and supports our children.

As this new and unusual school year gets underway, though many things are different, our commitment to our children is still the same - to ensure that they feel loved and supported by our church family and by God. This year we are asking everyone in our congregation to take the time to write short notes of love, encouragement, and support to our children with the goal of ensuring that each of our kids is connected to this Promise and directly feels an outpouring of support from our congregation. Our hope is that each child will receive a mailbox full of notes to remind them just how many people are supporting them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

To show your support to our children please follow these steps:

Step 1: Write 1 or several notes of love, encouragement, and support to our children. We have a total of 21 children in our FPCL "bubble" so if you'd like to write a note for each of them that would be wonderful! Please do not include children's names on the notes as notes will be equally/randomly mailed to all of our children. Sign your names if you'd like but you can also leave the notes anonymous

Examples of what to write:

*I am praying
for you today!*

*You are a special
blessing!
- Miss Kate*

*God is
here for*

Step 2: Please place all of the notes that you have written into 1 envelope and mail that envelope to Kate Ballard at First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

Kate Ballard
First Presbyterian Church of Littleton
1609 W Littleton Blvd.
Littleton, CO 80120

Step 3: Pray for our children!

Thank you!



With so much going on in our world right now, First Pres helped these wonderful kids, whom I have shared about before. The family is struggling a lot, but our church helped give them joy and support! Pastor Carol gave them money for food and things that they needed and King Sooper gift cards. An anonymous donor also gave them money this month. And then last week, I was given four backpacks from our church with Walmart gift cards in them. Without that, they would have had no money to buy any school supplies. Thank you Donna Blommel and Sue Chandler for making that happen

for these kids. They made a sign to say "thank you" and made crosses out of beads for Carol and Cody — and the anonymous donor, with thank you notes. I have never known such loving and thankful children. Thank you my First Pres "family" for helping me help these children. GOD IS GREAT! And they are so very thankful, as I am.



Blessings to all, Dee Getzinger



A Minute for Stewardship—Spotlight on Staff

FPCL family and friends,

For the past few months, Stewardship has shared many ways that your continued support has enabled the ministry of FPCL to remain strong through a difficult year. A significant percentage of our financial support to the church enables us to retain our skilled and dedicated staff. This month, we want to specifically celebrate and share with you a glimpse into the gifts of time, talent, and treasure they have brought to FPCL during the pandemic.

Cody – Pastor/Head of Staff

We are thankful to Cody for his decision to delay his planned sabbatical this year so that he could provide leadership to our church during this critical time. Through Cody's hard work and technical prowess, we were able to transition to online worship and maintain many of our ministries using video conferencing tools like Zoom in place of in-person gatherings. And despite the challenges of being apart from one another Cody has continued to encourage our congregation's spiritual growth.

Carol – Director of Congregational Care

At no time in this church's history has it ever been as critical to have a strong leader like Carol to provide Pastoral care for our congregation and community. Her leadership and efforts have helped direct our Deacons as they strive to keep isolated members and friends connected to the church at a time that can be both stressful and lonely. Staying connected to those in need has always been a strength of Carol's and it continues to be a key aspect of FPCL ministry.

Elinor – Church Administrator

"Elinor can help us with that..." – How many of you have said or heard that? She continues to be the glue that keeps FPCL together at a time of separation. As soon as staff was able to return to work, Elinor was there bringing back some of the "normalcy" to our operation. We wouldn't be able to function without Elinor's communication skills to create, edit, and distribute church information to staff, members, and the congregation.

Mary – Worship Arts Director

FPCL is blessed to have a superior music program. The absence of "in-person" worship has been difficult, but thanks to Mary we have continued to enjoy a broad selection of music on a weekly (sometimes more frequent) basis. There is no one better than Mary at securing talent, organizing the selections, and performing music to enhance our online worship experiences. We are truly blessed and look forward to future "in-person" enjoyment of this key ministry.

Kate – Director of Children’s Ministries

In her relatively short time at FPCL, Kate has built a strong program and connection with the children and community of FPCL. Her creativity in delivering an impactful children’s sermon during weekly online worship has been appreciated by all. When it became apparent that we would not be able to have a “normal” in-person Vacation Bible School (VBS) in June this year, Kate stepped up and crafted a “virtual” event with exceptional participation and engagement from volunteers and children.

Karen – Director of Children’s Music & Handbell Choirs

Karen, our longest tenured staff member, not only brings her music and leadership gifts to this church, but also helps us continue our unique culture and traditions. The children’s music and multi-generational handbell choirs have continued to stay connected during 2020 due to Karen’s creative and frequent “socially distant” events.

Jason – Director of Youth Ministries

As announced last month, we are excited to welcome Jason Jones to the FPCL family! We look forward to his vision and ideas as we start to revitalize our Youth Program that began in August with a Mission-focused Food Drive event to support Meals on Wheels.

Joan – Financial Secretary

Last, but certainly not least, we celebrate the gifts that Joan brings us to smartly manage and track the finances at FPCL. Joan tracks income, expenditures and investments and provides valuable input to help the Finance team and church leadership determine how to best support our ministry.

No doubt, all of these staff members are supported by a talented group of volunteers but none of the programs would have the success that we enjoy without our staff’s talent and leadership.

We are a CHURCH IN ACTION!

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Discover Your Divine Design

6 Weeks to get a "Clear View of the True You" - starts September 6

+ Sermon Series

+ Small Group Experience

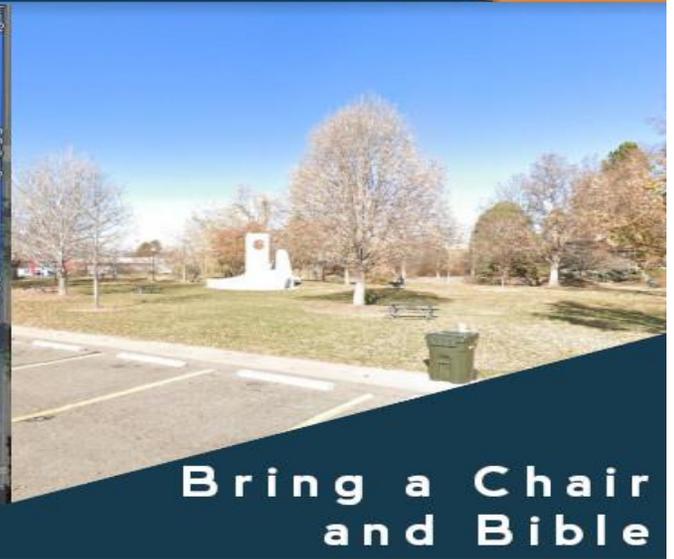
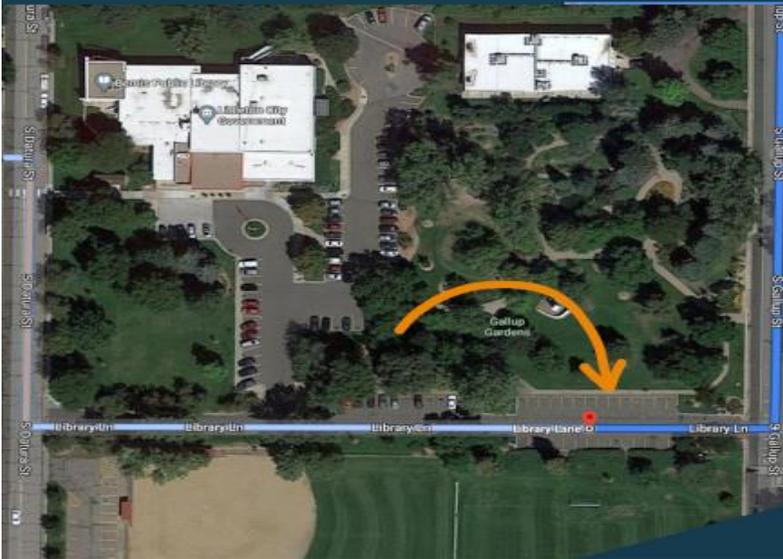
+ Join Pastor Cody at Gallup Gardens

(Bemis Library) Wednesdays

at 6pm for discussion

starting Sept 2

YOUNIQUE



Bring a Chair
and Bible

Small group Bible Study for WOMEN- Younique

We invite all women to a small group 6 week bible study as one of many groups participating in an all-church discipleship event. Sue Chandler and Janice Fagan will be leading this women's group.

Who: Any adult woman who wants a clearer view of their own unique design.

What: A Bible Study: Younique: Discover Your Divine Design

Get a "Clear View of the True You."

This small group experience is a 6-week Bible study using sections of Jeremiah to explore your own Gospel-centered life design. In this reflective, discussion-based small group Bible study we hope you will discover your own life design from God. Cody will be preaching a concurrent sermon series based on these same concepts.

When: Tuesday evenings, 7pm-8pm on a Zoom video meeting starting Sept. 8, 2020.

How: We will send you, via e-mail, copies of the small group study guide pages (2 pages each week) and a link to a Tuesday evening Zoom call.

Contact Sue Chandler (mesue35@aol.com) or Janice Fagan (JLFagan69@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.



Minute for Mission

Thank you for your continued support of our church which in turn helps to support our missions. This month we donated to Uplift International (an organization started by member Jaime Yrastorza), Hearts Full of Happy (an organization started by member Sue Leister), LaPuente where in the past members of our church have gone to volunteer and the Vietnamese Fellowship which is a member of the Cross Cultural Covenant Community which our church also belongs to.

Backpacks Project 2020



Mission is happy to inform you that 37 backpacks were provided to four schools and one family group of four children, on Monday, August 17. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of this congregation, we were able to insert an \$80 gift card to Walmart into every backpack enabling each family to shop for needed school supplies.

We are grateful!

God's Work Our Hands

Financial update

	July 2020		Year to Date 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$38,577.22	\$30,354.39	\$ 289,900.36	\$ 264,376.45
Expenses	\$31,505.08	\$37,855.64	\$ 235,947.49	\$ 262,977.82
Surplus/Deficit	\$7,072.14	(\$7,501.25)	\$ 53,952.87	\$ 1,398.63

Due to your continued support, we had an unexpected surplus in July. Giving was considerably more than in previous Julys. Since the church is closed, expenses are well under budget. Mission giving is still on track. The church has donated more than \$10,000 to help those in need both locally and globally. Remember to count your blessings in these uncertain times.



WHIZ KIDS TUTORING FALL 2020 LOOKING FOR TUTORS

Like everyone else, everything else, Whiz Kids Tutoring is going through changes for the beginning of the school year. We will be Zooming our "time together".

But one thing that doesn't change is the Need for New Tutors.

All Sites will start with a Virtual Format (Zoom), then when it is safe, return to our usual In-person Format.

For more information or to Volunteer please reach out to Roberta Wheeler frkrakr@yahoo.com cell: 559-737-2018 or home: 303-862-6197. You can also check out the Whiz Kids website whizkidstutoring.com

** I'm still collecting aluminum cans for our First Pres Program. Call and I will meet or go to your home to get them. THANKS!!! Roberta



Share Your Story! If you are interested in contributing your faith story, please let us know. Sharing your story may be just what someone needs. Encouraging each other in our walk with God is so essential to bringing us all together. Contact Elinor Packard or Cody Sandahl with questions or to request help . 303-798-1389 or fpcl@fpcl.org or cody@fpcl.org

In Service to Our Country

Prayer List

- Bob Backus
- Jon Heggie
- Gloria Pool
- Jim Biner
- Joyce Lei
- Eleanor Spence
- Joyce Fuller
- Rollie Fuller
- Wilmajean Coate
- Kent Griffith
- Jean Wilbur
- Joy Carreño
- Lonna Williams
- William Hults
- Jay Radcliff
- Doug Lemieux
- Joanie Coffey
- David Turner
- Tracey Eidson
- Sally Holden

- Capt. Ricky Casburn
- Capt. Connor Venrick, Hawaii
- Brett Wilson, at sea
- Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Afghanistan
- Bobby Johannsen, at sea
- LCDR. Per Rychecky, USS Harry S. Truman
- Connor McDaniel, Army
- Donnie Donahue, PFC, Marines, Prague
- Nathaniel Syron, Aide to the Army Chaplain
- Pvt. Isaiah Boehm, Ft. Polk, LA
- Jeremy Colwell, Afghanistan
- C3C Cameryn McKinnell, USAFA

Missions

- John Altemus
- Jory Bayne, Metro Denver
- Presbytery of Zimbabwe
- Cross Cultural Community
- South Asia Mission
- Jeffco Action Center
- Highline Place

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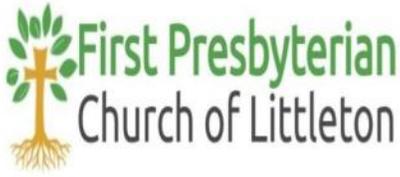
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday : The church office is closed for normal business hours. Someone will be in the office on Monday mornings from 9:30 am to noon.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Sunday Worship: online at fpcl.org**
- ◆ **In-Person Worship will held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Reservations required. Go to FPCL.org.**
- ◆ **Children's Sunday School check out Kate's recorded message during online worship.**
- ◆ **FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER: The DEADLINE for the October Newsletter is Friday, September 18.**

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