



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. John 21:4 - 6

April 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

*We love children in worship, all wiggles and noises included.
Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.*

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Prelude
Prelude Hymn 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" Mary Dailey
Welcome & Announcements Congregation
Pastor Murray

◆ Sharing the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!**

Please share the Peace of Christ with your neighbor

God is good. **All the Time** All the time. **God is good!**

Jan Hole

◆ Call to Worship

Jan Hole

Leader: Sing to the Lord,

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: And praise God's holy name!

Leader: For great is the Lord

People: and most worthy of praise.

Leader: Let the heavens and the earth be glad!

People: Come, let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Jan Hole

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-10 (NRSVUE)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession, In Unison

Jan Hole

(Silent Prayer) **Lord God, in the light of Your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have avoided, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in Your mercy, and feed us with Your grace, so that we may follow Your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen!**

Hymn 551 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Congregation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sharing of God's Love and Forgiveness

Jan Hole

Leader: *Believe the Good News and go forth knowing that Christ Jesus meets us where we are and commissions us with a mission through God's grace and mercy!*

People: Thanks be to God!

Children are invited to come forward during the singing of 'Glory Be to the Father'

◆ 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.

Children's Sermon & Prayer Pastor Blakeley Winslow

Ministry of Music "How Great Thou Art" J. Daughtry

◆ Scripture: John 21:1-14 (NRSVUE) Pastor Murray

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord **People: God is still speaking.**

Message "Meeting Jesus Clothed" Pastor Murray

Sermon Series: *Christ Encounters of the Risen Kind*

Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Congregation

Offering Pastor Murray

Offertory Mary Dailey

◆ Hymn 606 Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ Prayer of Dedication Pastor Murray

◆ Affirmation of Faith— An Easter Creed Congregation

Easter turns doubts upside down, sets loose new possibilities, reveals a God stronger than death, a love mightier than despair.

Easter brings us the risen Christ, who knows our wounds, forgives our denials, sends us out to love and serve; who is not bound by a period in history but finds us wherever we journey; who receives our questions, whispers a word of peace and causes our hearts to be warmed.

Easter releases the Holy Spirit, setting us free from sins that wound, resentments that smolder, anger that burns; empowering us to be witnesses to truth and obedient to a higher authority; causing us to walk with joy in our steps, hope in our hearts and a song on our lips.

Minute for Mission Gideons International

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Pastor Winslow

...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 539 "We will Go Out With Joy" Congregation
 ◆ Benediction Pastor Murray
- Send us forth, Lord, as Easter People,
 and call us to faithful discipleship.
 Lead us to repentance and new life.
 Enrich us to listen and to hear God's Word.
 Equip us to serve and respond in Christ's Way.
 Empower us to live everyday with the hope of the Spirit. Amen.**
- ◆ Postlude Mary Dailey

**Place your prayer request cards in the offering plate
 or in the box in Chandler Hall.**

PARTICIPANTS

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| Preaching Today | Pastor Jonathan Murray |
| Pastor of Christian Discipleship | Pastor Blakeley Winslow |
| Director of Worship Arts | Mary Dailey |
| Soloist | J. Daughtry |
| Liturgist | Jan Hole |
| Trustee | Don Meersman |
| Ushers | Gary Griffith and Connie Strandberg |

The flowers this morning are given in celebration of **Phil Ansted's 100th birthday**.
 Phil is John Ansted's father. The flowers are given by John & Margaret Ansted.

Please welcome J. Daughtry. J, is currently performing at the Buell theater with the Broadway Tour of MJ - The Musical, the story of Michael Jackson. He is a two-time Grammy Award winner!

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Sermon Series

Christ Encounters of the Risen Kind

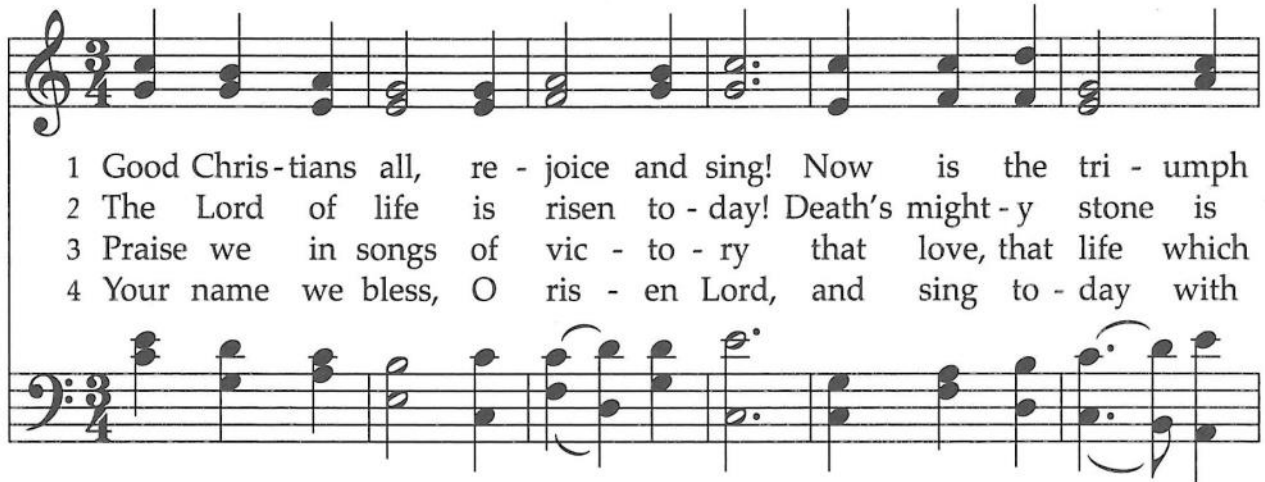
May 5: Matthew 28:16-20 'The Great Commission'

May 12: Acts 1:3-11 'What's Ascension Got to do with It?' Pastor Winslow preaching

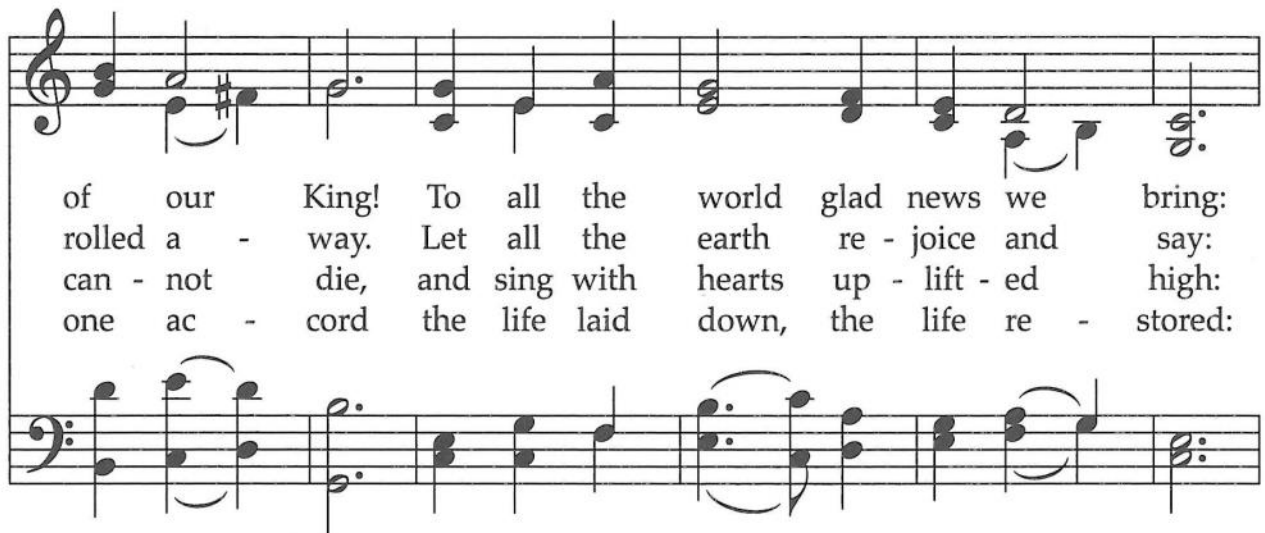
May 19: Acts 2:1-21 'The Spirit Cometh!'

May 19: Installation Service for Pastor Jonathan Murray –3:30pm

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609; harm. *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

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8.8.8 with alleluias

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

G D A D G D Em
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
 D G F#m F#m7 B7
 and I know that there are an - gels all a -
 E Gm D A7 D G
 round; let us praise Je - sus
 D Em F#m7 G D G
 now; we are stand - ing in his
 D Em7 D G D
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12-17) or Hebrews 12:22.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

C
Leader

F/C C G7 C

- 1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
- 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
- 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C
All

F/C C C/G G7 C

Fine

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

Fsus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Fsus2 C E^bsus2 Dm7 Gsus G

to Stanzas

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:00 – 7:00 PM

April 30, 2024

Doors Do Not Open Until 6:00

Where – First Presbyterian Church
1609 W Littleton Blvd.

MENU: Green Chili and Chicken Casserole, Confetti Corn, Tossed Green Salad, Chips and Salsa, Fruit and handheld desserts



Questions- (303) 798-1389

<http://littletonpresbyterian.org/dinner>

All Are Welcome!

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Arrive at 8:45 am for a light breakfast! Classes start at 9:00am

Adult Sunday School series--"How to read your Bible", using material from RightNow Media. We look forward to having you join us as we learn more together about how to get the most out of your study of God's Word.

Children's class will be held in the Sunday School room on the Windermere level.

Summer Sermon Series



'Faith Leaders of the Old Testament' - Sundays in worship (starting May 26) we will explore the situation and actions of a Faith Leader from the Old Testament. This person will not always act in faithful ways, but we will see how God's grace and actions were at work in, through, and, sometimes in spite of, the person. You are also invited to join in a Bible Study during Sunday School that will explore a deeper look at each of the Faith Leaders. Come at 8:45am for Sunday School and stay for worship!

Mark your calendars!

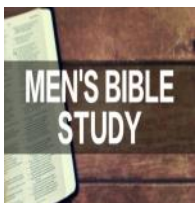
Saturday, May 4, 10:00am to 3:00pm is FPCL's Leadership Retreat in Ficklin Hall. This gathering is for those currently serving in leadership positions, as well as those interested in joining in conversation and discernment about where God is leading and how we will get there.

To prepare for lunch, please send an RSVP to Elinor at fpcl@fpcl.org. With an accurate count, we will know how much food will be needed.

The gathering will offer some presentations, some questions about FPCL's past, and some questions about our future, all while we determine what is most important to us and learn how to weave those values into how we will be disciples of Jesus into the future.

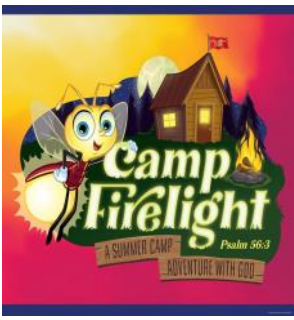
I hope you will come!

The Reverend Jonathan Murray
Pastor, First Presbyterian, Littleton



Join in the fellowship and study

2 studies that alternate **every other Monday** between a morning study and an evening study. **Morning Study 7:00am * Evening Study 6:30 pm** Contact Scott Chandler for morning information. scott@franklincourtpartners.com or 303-888-0132



Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, May 29th--Saturday, June 1st-
9am to 12pm daily**

"Camp Firelight" will feature an outdoors/summer camp theme, as children learn about facing their fears by trusting in God! As in years past, participants will be part of a team rotating together through different stations including Opening/Closing Celebrations (with music), crafts, science experiments (new for this year!), Bible stories, recreation, snacks, and team time! And of course, as always, at FPCL our VBS is



100% free for your family! We do ask you to register in advance however, just so that our staff can be prepared for how many children to expect. Here is the link to our online registration form:

<https://first-presbyterian-littleton.mycokeburyvbs.com/register-child>

Please get in touch if you have any questions! Also, we still have some volunteer opportunities, if you would like to help! Contact Pastor Blakeley: pastorblakeley@fpcl.org

Planning Your Legacy

May 19—Following Worship—4th Floor

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

- *Is there a particular gift or event in your life that positively impacted you, and everything seemed to change for the better since that moment?*
- *Have you ever thought about the legacy you will leave behind that will impact the lives of others in the future?*
- *What kind of lasting impression do you want to leave on your church family to guide them into the future?*

These are just a few of the questions we hope you consider and bring to the discussion as we **gather on May 19th after worship** to explore how each of us can plan our legacy. We invite you to share in refreshments and camaraderie as we welcome **Joseph Moore** from the Presbytery Foundation. Joseph will offer an insightful overview of the various strategies available for legacy planning. Additionally, our Stewardship team will share personal reflections and discuss the importance of creating a meaningful legacy for your loved ones.

Our team hopes to see you after worship on May 19th as we **gather on the 4th floor (youth area) to enjoy light snacks, engaging conversation, and warm fellowship.**



Thank you all for the amazing outpouring of birthday wishes and anniversary gifts and cards! Your love and support means much to me. You all make me feel so appreciated and cared for. You are all the best!! Elinor

Leadership

Elders: Trey McDowell-Clerk of Session, Maggie Ashworth, Jan Hole, David LeMay, Don Meersman, Rick Wilson, Sue Chandler and Beth Opperman

Presbytery Commissioners: Rick Wilson and Kathy McDaniel

Deacons: Joy Carreño, Becky Gibson, Cheryl Baughman, Kathy Frear, Julie Johnston, Jess Karet, Jennie Staritzky and Deb Graham

Stewards: Connie Strandberg, Cheri Blanchard, Karla Ferguson, Kathy McDaniel

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- ⇒ Karen Meersman, Director of Handbells & Children/Youth Music
- ⇒ Elinor Packard, Office Administrator
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