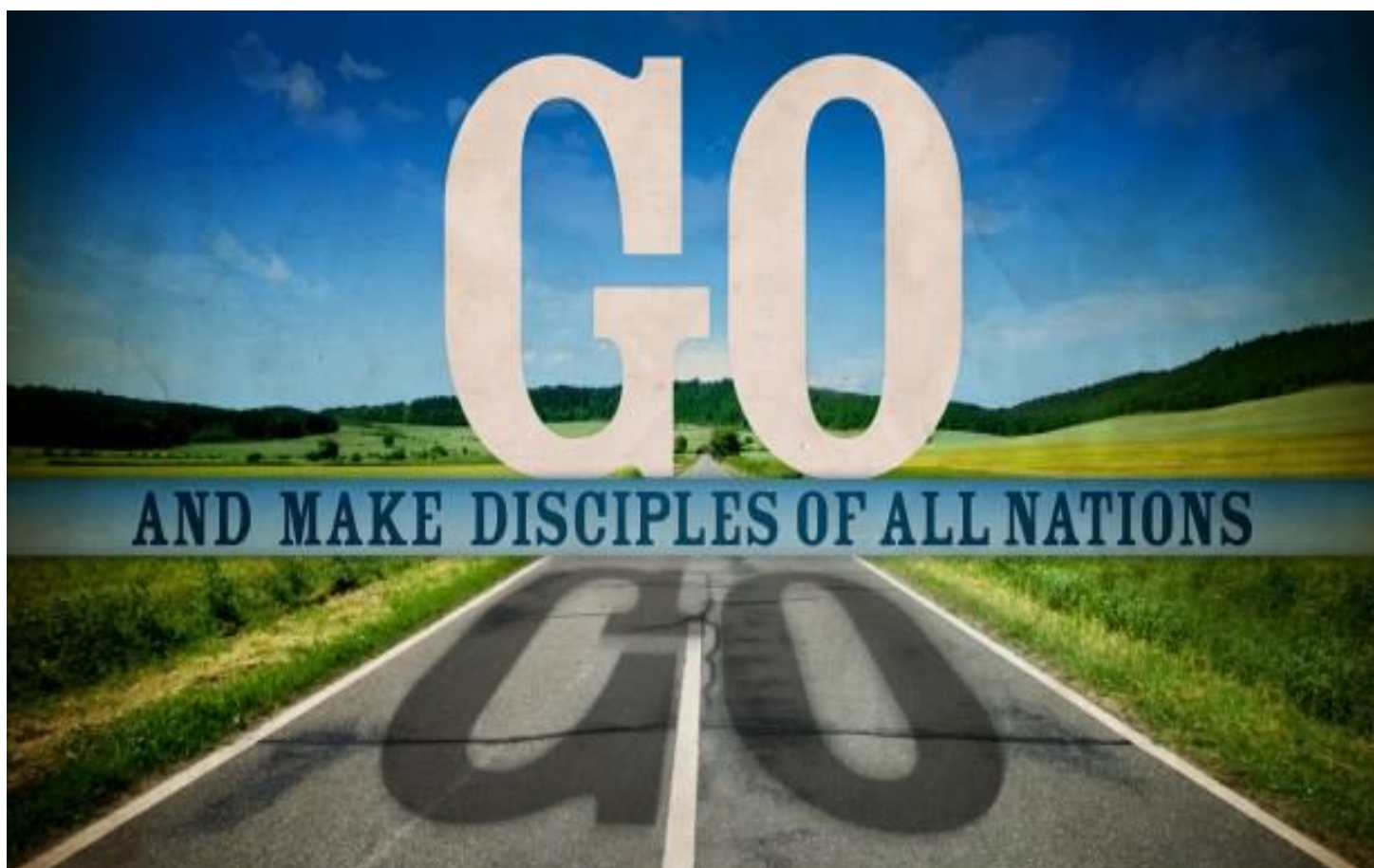




First Presbyterian
Church of Littleton



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19a, 20b.

**Communion Sunday
May 5, 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 "Conquering the Grave" Handbell Choirs

Welcome & Announcements 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!** Taylor Ann Meersman

◆ Call to Worship

Taylor Ann Meersman

*Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit
who has been given to us.*

People: we dwell in God and God dwells within us.

Leader: Give Thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

People: make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord,

People: and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come.

◆ Hymn 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" Bells & Congregation

Prayer for Illumination Taylor Ann Meersman

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 NIV

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

Prayer of Confession, In Unison Taylor Ann Meersman

(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 go 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 Taylor Ann Meersman

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 "Almighty" Handbell Choirs

◆ Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE) Pastor Murray
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord **People: God is still speaking.**

Message "The Great Commission" Pastor Murray

Sermon Series: *Christ Encounters of the Risen Kind*

Hymn 720 "Jesus Calls Us" Congregation

Offering Pastor Murray

Offertory "A Gospel Hymn Ring" Handbell Choirs

◆ 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—Apostle's Creed Congregation

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 everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you; **People: And also with you!**
Leader: Lift up your hearts; **People: We lift them to the Lord!**
Leader: Let us give God thanks; **People: It is right to give God thanks and
praise!**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS
GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFTS

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 295

"Go to the World"

Bells & 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

"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"

Handbell Choirs

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

PARTICIPANTS

Preaching Today

Pastor Jonathan Murray

Pastor of Christian Discipleship

Pastor Blakeley Winslow

Director of Worship Arts

Mary Dailey

Music

Handbell Choirs

Liturgist

Taylor Ann Meersman

Trustee

Jan Hole

Ushers

Cheryl Baughman

The flowers this morning are given by Kathy McDaniel



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!'



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 8:45a for Sunday School and stay for worship!

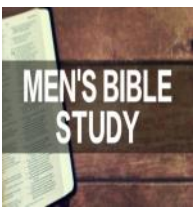
Adult & Children's Sunday School

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.

(No Adult class on May 12—Mother's Day)

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



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

Believe Beloved Belong

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

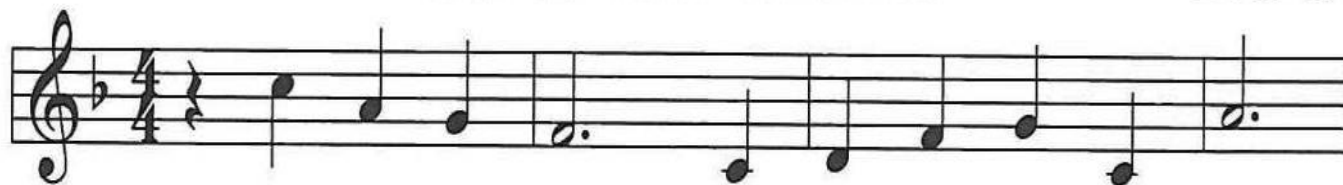
life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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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.**

May Calendar of Events

May 4: Leadership Retreat

May 9: Book Club - 1pm

May 12: Deacons - 11:15am

May 13: Mission Meeting - 1pm

May 14: Personnel Meeting - 1pm

May 16: Open Door Circle - 10:30am

Finance Committee - 7pm

May 17: First Word Newsletter Submission Deadline

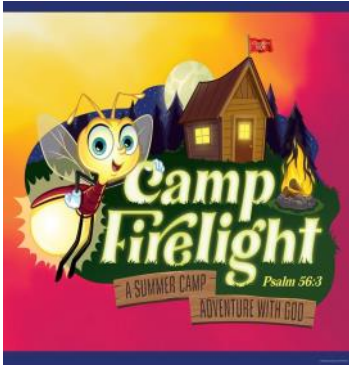
May 19: Planning Your Legacy - 11am

May 19: Installation Service for The Reverend Jonathan Murray

May 21: First Impressions Youth Gathering

May 28: Community Dinner - 6pm

May 29 - June 1: Vacation Bible School



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.mycokesburyvbs.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

"Donations for VBS 2024!!

You can help in our preparations for Vacation Bible School by loaning or donating some different items. Please see the sign-up sheets in Chandler Hall for more information!"

*You Are Invited to a Service of Installation for
The Reverend Jonathan Murray
3:30 pm Sunday, May 19, 2024
Reception to follow- Ficklin Hall*

Mark Your Calendar!

Come one, Come all!

It's Time for the Annual Church Picnic



June 2, 2024
After Church

South Suburban Sterne Park—South Shelter
5800 S. Spotswood St.
Corner of S. Spotswood & W. Shepperd Ave.



Hot Dogs & Hamburgers with all the trimmings
Watermelon, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Dessert

There will be fun and plenty of food for everyone.
Have a game you love to play outdoors?
Bring it to share.



The park is located south of the church. Go south on Windermere
to W. Lake Ave. turn right onto W. Lake Ave and go west to S.
Spotswood Dr. Turn right on S. Spotswood and go north to corner
of Spotswood and Shepperd.

Mission Statement

“We Believe the Good News that all of Littleton is called Beloved by Jesus Christ and together we Belong to God’s Kingdom.”

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

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