



**KEEPING THE MAIN THING
THE MAIN THING
September 10, 2023**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montrose, CO

*We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship,
grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.*

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9:30 a.m.

KEEPING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING
Acts 11: 19-26

Whoever you are and wherever your life's journey has taken you, you are welcomed here. We hope that you will find FPC to be a people of warmth, acceptance, and commitment to the calling of Jesus Christ. We are honored to have you worship with us.

MEDITATION

"Proclamation" is often thought of as the domain of the bold and the well-spoken (and, all too often, the crazy). But proclamation does not have to mean shouting from the rooftops; instead it's something far more subtle, and critical to what it means to be the church. ~
Bryant Anderson

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Be still and know that I am God." - *Psalms 46:10*

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(from Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

*Rise if you are able.

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Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

I Love to Tell the Story

How Great Thou Art

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison – MDPC, Houston TX)

Gracious God, you call us to be salt and light, but we often keep our lights hidden away. We do not use our words or actions to encourage others to pursue a life with you. We take the Gospel for ourselves, but do not feel the urgency to share this gift of grace with the world. Forgive us and help us to bear witness to the hope we confess, so that others may follow you. you are the hope of the world. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

Please consider tithing during this part of the service.

A MOMENT OF APPRECIATION:

Fred Brown

SERMON TEXT

Acts 11: 19-26 (NIV)

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VIDEO:

Strangers

MESSAGE

The Proclamation of Good News - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

He Lives

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Please stay and enjoy coffee and snacks with us in the fellowship hall.

LIFE IN THE BODY

- 1. Mark your calendars!** Come **Sunday, Sep. 17**, to an outside *Fall Kick-off & BBQ* rebooting the church potlucks, adult education classes, and more. Please bring a side-dish to share and if you are able, please contact the front office to sign up to help with setup, cleanup or grilling.
- 2. List of bible studies & church groups available to join:**
 - New Members Class - Sunday, Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 10:45 a.m.
 - Prayer Group - Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
 - Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
 - Men's Bible Study - Thursdays 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.
 - Women's Bible Study - Thursdays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 - Faith & Film - Second Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
- 3.** To find out what is happening in the life of our church, an event calendar and weekly newsletter (Announcements) are available on the table in the foyer.
- 4.** If you want to learn more about our church, you can visit our website at <https://fpcmontrose.com>.

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