



**KEEPING THE MAIN THING
THE MAIN THING
September 17, 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

Colossians 3: 12-17

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

The church is called to be a community that cares and provides for one another; that welcomes and shows hospitality to the stranger; and that provides a place of safety for all.

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*

(Rev-o-lution Worship Resources)

Leader: Let us together seek the wisdom of God,

All: **We are here to learn what God requires and take it to heart.**

*Rise if you are able.

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Leader: Let us together listen to the Holy Spirit,

All: We are here to practice justice and loving-kindness.

Leader: Let us together follow the way of Christ,

All: We are here to demonstrate the values of the Kingdom of God.

Leader: Find that the door is open! Come, Let us worship God together.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

God Is Able

Amazing Love (You Are My King)

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison-Rev-o-lution Worship Resources)

Loving and Gracious God, we come before you in humility. We have made too much of ourselves and have neglected our neighbors in need. We have been swayed by the inclinations of this world and have found that wealth and notoriety and worldly power will never satisfy us and lead us to dead ends. Turn us back, O God, to your ways of justice and mercy. Have compassion on us, O God, and break open our hearts to love one another. Guide us, O God, into your truth and grace, that we might repair what we have broken and care for what we have disdained. Bless us, O God, as we repent and seek forgiveness. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

Please consider tithing during this part of the service.

A MOMENT OF APPRECIATION:

Lexy and Norm Stevenson

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SERMON TEXT

Colossians 3: 12-17 (NIV)

MESSAGE

The Flourishing of God's People - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Please stay and join us for the Fall Kick-off Barbeque. We will meet over in the Sonshine Patch Playground which is on the east side of the Building outback.

LIFE IN THE BODY

1. It's time to think about electing Church Officers. Every year some FPC members complete terms of office, and new members are elected to office, giving continuity to each group while bringing in fresh perspectives. Only Church members are eligible to serve in these offices. The offices are Elder, Deacon, & Nominating Committee. Nominating Forms can be found in the foyer Monday - Thursday and Sunday morning.

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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