

Announcements

Welcome visitors and friends!
Please be our guests for coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall

Potluck Sunday, Oct 11th following worship

Bible Study at the church or via Zoom – Wednesday, Oct 21st 7pm
Meeting ID: 837 2077 4017 Passcode: 256219

Worship tithes and offerings are welcomed to be placed in the plates at the sanctuary, using the QR codes below, or mailed to P.O. Box 912, Georgetown, CO 80444



Our Mission Statement

We, the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Colorado, are a congregation who trust and obey Jesus Christ. As such, we are a body that takes seriously the mission of the Church. Therefore, we, as a Church and as individuals, seek to provide an inspirational presence in this community, recognizing spiritual needs, and reaching out with Christian teachings and service to all age groups, sharing God’s love in the world.

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✝ Loaves & Fishes Mission ✝

Donations accepted in basket at the back of the sanctuary, in-person on Weds, Thurs, or Fri from 11a-4p 545 Hwy 103 - Idaho Springs or online at:
www.loavesandfishesco.net/donate

Specific Summer Request:
Towels, Washcloths, Travel Size Toiletries

The SESSION

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Lana Hackney	Vicki Arrastia	Pam McCoy
Rob Solomon	Keith Holmes	Jan Shirlaw
	Jan Pederson	

FIRST UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GEORGETOWN, COLORADO
FOUNDED 1869

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 4th 2026 - 10:00 am

*CONGREGATION STANDING, AS YOU ARE ABLE

The People of God Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION – Rev. Dr. Andrew Stager

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 19)

L: The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**P: Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

L: They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

**P: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

L: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” # 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whatever growth in grace we have experienced, we have not reached the goal or obtained the likeness to Jesus Christ we aspire to. Let us look to the perfect law that gives freedom, and openly and honestly confess our need for grace upon grace.

The Word of God Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

“The Taken-Hold-Of Life”

Rev Dr. Andrew Stager

***HYMN**

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

#697

We Gather around the Table

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The People of God Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Prayer Requests/Silent Prayer/Lord’s Prayer ‘debts’

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus

**Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out
in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We Go To Serve in God’s Name

***HYMN**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#801

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Exodus 20)
God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."
You shall have no other gods before me. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
You shall not make for yourself an idol. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. Amen. Lord, have mercy.
Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**
You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 2:13-14)
"When you were dead in your sins, ... God made you alive with Christ, forgiving us all our sins, and cancelling the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; God has taken it away, nailing it to the cross."
Amen. Thanks be to God!

Rev. Dr. Andrew R. Stager (STAY-gurr) begins his work with us this Sunday.

You can definitely call him "Andy," although if you call him "Dr. Stager" once or twice every year, it will tickle him. He has lived and pastored in South Carolina, South Korea, Switzerland, and Colorado.

He is a poet, a memoirist, a fly fishing guide, a therapist (in training), an insufferable grammarian, and a grad school addict. He recently contributed a chapter to A Verb and Not a Noun: Days of Ash—U2's Lenten Liturgy, and will publish his memoir, The Convert: Ego, Obsession, and a First Year Fly Fishing in early November.

He's been married to Ellie for 24 years, and they have three children: Deacon (20), Owen (18), and Cliffe (15). Andy roots for the Cleveland Guardians and Cavaliers. He collects books, ties flies, and fishes as much as possible.

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