

November 26, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Order of Service

GATHERING

As followers of Jesus
we will love the Lord our God
with all our hearts,
with all our souls
and with all our minds.
And we will love our neighbors
as ourselves and serve them
in the name of Christ.
Matthew 22:37, 39

*Love God
Follow Jesus
Serve in Spirit*

PRELUDE

— Edward Grieg - Transc. and Arr., Robert Hebble
Norwegian Folksongs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

— Don Harris and Lynn DeShazzo
More Precious Than Silver
Hearts Hands and Voices

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

We Bow Down

— Twila Paris

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the Land and the sea;
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
and Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the Land and the sea;
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
and King of all kings You will be.

We bow down, and we crown You the King.
We bow down, and we crown You the King.
We bow down, and we crown You the King.
King of all kings You will be.

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*Please sign the Friendship Register
found at the end of the pew and
pass it on as you prepare for
worship. Visitors are urged to leave
their address, to receive a letter of
welcome from the pastor and be
placed on the newsletter mailing list.*

***Please stand at the asterisks.**

Anthem Text:

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am with
you. Be still and know that I will
comfort you when you come to
Me in your hour of need.
Be still and know that I am here
for you; and I will wipe your
tears; you will be renewed.
Come unto Me, My child, be still,
and know that I will give you rest.
I am present in your pain,
and I always will remain your
Comforter and Friend.
Peace I leave with you; My peace,
I give unto you. Peace. Be still.

Doxology
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 CONFESSION

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit the comforts we enjoy. Forgive us, God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor and being blind to the many needs in our midst. With bellies full from festive feasts, we offer only token gestures to the hungry in our world and then feel as if we've done enough. Forgive us, God, for keeping those in need at a distance and for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry. With our hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around the world. Forgive us to clinging to our own possessions rather than to you, O Lord. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to ensure justice and freedom for all. In Christ we pray; Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

#579

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.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 72:1-14, 18-19

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

Be Still

— Mary McDonald

SERMON

Rev. Ann Conklin

The Radical Reign of God

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

#147

Blessing and Honor

*APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Journey of Faith* — Joseph M. Martin
Jan Peterson, Soprano

*DOXOLOGY #592
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN *Crown Him With Many Crowns* #151

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (Tune: Lancashire)
Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

POSTLUDE *Regalia* — Andrew Moore

Coffee time will follow the service.

The hosts today are Dale Gibson, Shelley Cronenberg
& Marie-Claire Cordray.

Baked goods are provided by Marilyn Uithoven & Ginny Mallia.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Irene Lenke, Hospice Care
Clara Padelford, Friendship Village Health Care Center
Mary Rugg, Mild Stroke*

Remember the TLC's of the church family

*Raul Flores
3144 E. Camino St.
Mesa, AZ 85212*

Liturgist: Ben Gerlach

Greeters: Carol Anderson & Zoe Garlin

Ushers: Thank you to Robert Harding's team. Next week: Dennis Sitzler's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by Soprano Jan Peterson and Hearts Hands and Voices. Next Sunday's special music will include the Sanctuary Choir. The complete Worship Schedule is available at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning.

Praise Band: Erin Skarphol, vocals; Karen Rudin, rhythm guitar/vocals; Mark Ramsey, piano/vocals; Paul Soderquist, drums

Sound Booth: Bob Schulz

Nursery Workers: Thank you to Ben & Stephanie Gerlach.

Activity sheets for children are available at the back of the sanctuary. These are for use during worship.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the Information Kiosk by the main doors of the sanctuary to learn more about the church's programs.

Audio assistance is available for those who may be unable to adequately hear the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

Check the bulletin boards in the church office for information regarding events or opportunities in the life of the church and the community.

Prayer Chain: If you or a loved one are in need of special prayers, e-mail: **Joy Schulz at ozinaz1@cox.net**, the church office at pubs@fpcmesa.org or call 480-964-8606, to request prayers by the prayer chain.

Bulletin Recycling. If you do not want to take your bulletin home, please take it to the recycling basket at the back of the sanctuary.

If you are hospitalized or confined at home due to illness, call the church office at 480-964-8606 to let us know. Please note: If you are in the hospital, let us know what your room number is. In order to comply with new stricter government regulations to protect patients' privacy, hospitals refuse to provide any information, including room numbers.

Sanctuary Flowers are a way for you to recall a special person or event in your life. Flowers are available at a cost of \$50 or you may notify the church office of your desire to furnish your own flowers. You may take the flowers that Sunday or leave them for the Deacons to deliver. If you are interested in providing flowers, fill out the form found at the Kiosk or in the office. After completion, please return it to the office, along with a check and instructions.

Becoming a Member. People may become active members in one of three ways:

- ♦ Profession of Faith – those who have not been baptized and/or who have never been active members of a Christian church.
- ♦ Reaffirmation of Faith – those who have at one time been members of a Christian church and are currently inactive.
- ♦ Letter of Transfer – those who are currently active members of another Christian church.

Contact our pastor, Rev. Ann Conklin, at pastor@fpcmesa.org if you are interested in participating in our next New Members Orientation class.

Activities for the Week of November 26, 2017

Today, 11/26	9:00a.m.	Monthly Food Drive
	10:15a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
	11:00a.m.	Youth Outing HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 11/28	1:00p.m.	PW Sewing, Parlor
	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 11/29	7:30a.m.	Men's Fellowship
	8:30a.m.	Dave's Crew
	5:00p.m.	WRAP
	6:15p.m.	First Ringers, Bell Room
	6:15p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	6:30p.m.	Grief Share, Parlor
Thursday, 11/30	7:15p.m.	Choir, Choir Room
	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
Saturday, 12/2	9:30a.m.	Needlework Grace Group, Parlor
	10:00a.m.	Beauty & the Beast auditions, Choir Room
	5:00p.m.	Carols by Candlelight, Advent Decorating, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

December 9	PW Holiday Luncheon
December 11&12	Circles meet
December 14	Preschool Christmas Program
December 17	Commissions & Session meet
December 24	Music Sunday — One service at 10:00 a.m.
	5:30 p.m. Family Service
	8:30 p.m. Traditional Service
December 31	One Service — 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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