

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

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*

*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 email list.*

*Please stand at the asterisks.

PRELUDE *Praeludium in G Minor* – Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As we are called into worship this morning, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him.

People: Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he really is so that we may offer our lives to Christ as he gave his life for us.

Pastor: People of God, behold and see your God!

People: **We open our eyes to see his glory!**

Pastor: We open our ears to hear his wisdom!

People: **We open our hands to offer him gifts!**

Pastor: We open our mouths to sing his praise!

All: **We open our hearts to offer him our love! Let us worship God made known to us in Jesus Christ!**

*HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #89

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are often as rebellious as Jerusalem's; that our faith is sometimes more show than substance; and that our hearts are in deep need of cleansing. Have mercy on us. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have

Anthem Text:

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates, lift up your heads and sing!
 Lift up your heads, O mighty gates, behold,
 now comes your King.
 See the Lord in glory rides.
 King of King, be glorified.
 Shouts of praise they all proclaim.
 Loud hosannas sound the name.
 Christ, the Lord forever reigns!
 Lift up your heads!
 Hosanna, lift your heads,
 hosanna, sing, O sing.
 Lift up your heads, O Mighty gates, behold,
 now comes your King.
 Who is he who comes this day?
 Who in glory makes his way?
 He who rides in majesty, 'mid the pomp and pageantry,
 Jesus Christ, who sets us free.

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.

and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior; 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may show Christ's love in lives given to serve you; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bless the Lord – Peter and Hanneke Jacobs
 Pure Praise Singers

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads and Sing! – Douglas Wagner

SERMON

A Passionate Palm Parade Rev. Ann Conklin

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

#88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*DOXOLOGY
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#592

SENDING

*HYMN *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

#91

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Spirit Song* – John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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POSTLUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* – Edwin Childs

Coffee time will follow the service.

The hosts today are Dan & Cindy Davenport.

Baked goods are provided by Marilyn Uithoven & Ginny Mallia.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ethan Couillard, St. Luke's Medical Center

Pat & Rosie Mills

The Family of Charlie Golden on his death, March 18, 2018

Remember the TLC's of the church family

Nina Jo Woods

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Liturgist: Isobel Letizia

Greeters: John & Jan Peterson

Ushers: Thank you to Dennis Sitzler's team. Next week: Don Wilson's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by the Pure Praise Singers. Next Sunday's special music will include Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir with the Pure Praise Singers. The complete Worship Schedule is available at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning.

Sound Booth: Bob Schulz

Nursery Workers: Thank you to Isobel Letizia & Tanya Snitzer.

Activity bags 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.

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.

Prayer Chain: If you or a family member need special prayers, email prayer@fpcmesa.org or call the church office. If the prayer request is for a friend, you must first have *permission from that friend* to make the request public on the Prayer Chain.

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.

Activities for the Week of March 25, 2018

Today, 3/25	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m. 2:30p.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday Monthly Food Drive Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education Youth Outing HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall Beauty & the Beast Matinée, FH
Tuesday, 3/27	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 3/28	7:30a.m. 8:30a.m. 12:00p.m. 5:00p.m. 6:15p.m. 6:15p.m. 6:30p.m. 7:00p.m. 7:15p.m.	Men's Fellowship Dave's Crew Study & Prayer Group, Parlor WRAP Adult Bible Study First Ringers, Bell Room Grief Share, Parlor Big Surprise Training, Library Choir, Choir Room
Thursday, 3/29	7:00p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
Friday, 3/30		Good Friday — Office Closed
Saturday, 3/31	11:00a.m.	Beauty & Beast Cast Party, FH

Upcoming Events

April 1	Easter Services: 6:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
April 5,6,7,10	Lifetouch Pictures for Directory
April 8	Worship in the Park
April 9&10	Circles meet
May 10	Preschool Spring Fling

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