

September 30, 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

March

– David Terry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Sweet Shalom* – Cloninger/Sadler/Springer
Quiet light of the morning skies, sweet shalom of God,
Enter the midst of our busy lives, sweet shalom of God.
Gentle presence that stills our fears, sweet shalom of God,
Heart of compassion that dries our tears, sweet shalom of God.

Sweet shalom of God, beautiful Prince of Peace,
Bring to our lives your sweet release,
Sweet shalom, make us Your home, sweet shalom of God.
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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

Shout to the North

– Martin Smith

Men: Men of faith rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness, complete.

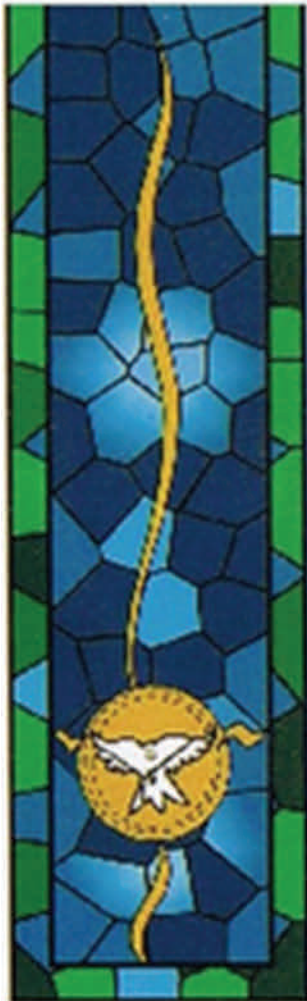
Chorus: Shout to the North and the South.
Sing to the East and the West.
Jesus is Saviour to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Women: Rise up, women of the truth.
Stand and sing to broken hearts,

Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of Love.
(Chorus)

Anthem Text:

Where do I go when there's no one else to turn to? Who do I talk to when no one wants to listen? Who do I lean on when there's no foundation stable? I go to the Rock
I know that's able, I go to the Rock!
I go to the Rock of my salvation, to the stone that the builder rejected.
I run to the Mountain, and the Mountain stands by me! The earth all around me is sinking sand, on Christ, the solid Rock I stand! When I need a shelter, when I need a friend, I go to the Rock! Where do I hide till the storms have all passed over? Where do I run when the winds of sorrow threaten? Is there a refuge, my Lord, in times of tribulation? When my soul needs consolation, I go to the Rock! On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand! The earth all around me is sinking sand, on Christ, the solid Rock I stand! When I need a shelter, when I need a friend, I go to the Rock, the solid Rock!



We've been through fire. We've been through rain.
We've been refined by the power of his name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips. (Chorus)

All: Rise up, church with broken wings.
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.
(Chorus)

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God,

We sing your praises and pray for your guidance as we gather to worship you. Yet too soon we forget the truth of your transforming love and resist the ways you would change us. We hold fast to our own truths and our own ways, relying on our own strength. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for fearing your light that exposes the dark recesses of our hearts and of our society. Forgive us for standing on our own, rather than leaning on you. Forgive us for the many ways we falter and restore us in your redeeming love. Help us to be gentle and kind, speaking the truth in love with one another. Help us to trust in your Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth, the Truth who is Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

In your Light, may we see light. In your Truth, may we find freedom. Through your Word, may we come to know you ever more deeply and love you well. In Christ we pray; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 25:4-10

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John 18:33-38

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

I Go to the Rock

— Mary McDonald

SERMON

Rev. Ann Conklin

The Great Ends of the Church: Preserve the Truth

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Sing the Faith, #2172

Come! Live in the Light!

*CREED

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

— Rosalie Bonighton

Laudate Dominum (Praise The Lord! - Psalm 116)

*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Marion)

Praise God Who reigns on high, The Lord Whom we adore,

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore!

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#379

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

(Tune: Crucifer)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Double

— Alan Ridout

Liturgist: Renita Jurgensen

Greeter: Carol Anderson

Ushers: Thank you to Team 3.
Next week: Graham Walker's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by the Sanctuary Choir. Next Sunday's special music will also include the Sanctuary Choir. The complete music schedule is available at fpc-mesa.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 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.

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.

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.

Activities for the Week of September 30, 2018

Today, 9/30	9:00a.m.	Monthly Food Drive
	10:15a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00a.m.	Christian Education HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
Monday, 10/1	7:00p.m.	Deacons, Library
Tuesday, 10/2	1:00p.m.	PW Coordinating Team, Library
	3:00p.m.	Personnel Committee, Parlor
	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 10/3	7:30a.m.	Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
	8:30a.m.	Dave's Crew
	5:00p.m.	Wednesday WRAP
	6:00p.m.	First Ringers
	6:15p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00p.m.	Choir, Choir Room
Thursday, 10/4	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
Saturday, 10/6	9:30a.m.	Needlework Grace Group, Parlor

Upcoming Events

- October 7** Meet Your Deacon at Coffee Time
- October 13** PWP Gathering
- October 20** Prep for Mesa Make-a-Difference Day
- October 21** Ministry Fair
- Meet Your Deacon at Coffee Time
- October 27** Mesa Make-a-Difference Day
- October 28** Dedication Sunday — **One service at 10:00**
Celebration Luncheon with Vaudeville Show to follow

**Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are Mark & Angelina Waters.
Baked goods are provided by Marilyn Uithoven & Ginny Mallia.**

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