

November 4, 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.*

PRELUDE *Land of Rest* — arr. Mark Sedio

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Lamb of God* — Twila Paris

Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble king they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* — David Crowder

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Chorus: So come on and sing out. Let our anthem grow loud.
There is one great love, Jesus.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin. He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

(Chorus)

*Please stand at the asterisks.

Anthem Text:

Alleluia. Amen!

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice, New life the dead receive.
The mournful broken hearts rejoice. The humble born in need.

Glory to God, and praise, and love be now and ever giv'n.
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.
(Chorus)

So come on and sing out. Let our anthem grow loud.
There is one great love. So come on, so come on,
So come on and sing out. Let our anthem grow loud.
There is one great love. There is one great love.
There is one great love, Jesus!

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Yet we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We want to be numbered among the saints and gathered among the faithful, but we are unprepared to offer you our lives. You have commanded us to speak, but we too often remain silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we are too often fearful. Forgive us, merciful God. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, living with courage and hope, we may follow the example of Jesus, loving others as you first loved us. Through Christ our Lord 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3

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Hebrews 12:1-2

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

— Peter and Hanneke Jacobs

Love is the Greatest Gift of All

Pure Praise Singers

Listing of the Saints:

November 2017—October 2018

*Allan Chisholm
Bettylou Edwards
Charlie Golden
Gabe Homolya
Irene Lenke
Richard Lowe
Rosalie Lowe
Charlene Raikes
Dave Tobey
Joe Woods*

ANTHEM *Alleluia* – Jane Marshall

SERMON The Communion of Saints Rev. Ann Conklin

RESPONDING

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Invitation to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (Please offer the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.)

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

During this time you are invited to light a candle in honor and memory of someone who has passed on to life eternal. Please come forward as you desire, light a candle, and then return to your seat. You may do this anytime during communion, during the offertory, or at the end of worship during the postlude.

Communion Music – Stuart Townend

How Deep The Father's Love for Us

One Voice

THE COMMENDATION OF BEFRIENDERS & ELDERS

Pastor: We send you, our Befrienders & Elders, to share communion with those who are unable to be with us today. May those who receive the sacrament from you be strengthened and encouraged; for age, distance, and illness cannot separate us from the love of God.

People: **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence to our brothers and sisters.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Choose to Follow You* – Jeff Kennedy

FPC Youth Ensemble, Soloists Bryan Hickey and Ian Harding

*DOXOLOGY *Freely, Freely* – Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

I've been born again in Jesus' name,

And in Jesus' name I come to you to share

His love as He told me to.

Liturgist: Dave Frederick

Greeter: Susan Durand

Ushers: Thank you to Gary Marshall's team. Next week: Bill Anderson's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by the Pure Praise Singers, FPC Youth Ensemble, and One Voice. Next Sunday's special music will include the Sanctuary Choir. The complete music 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 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.

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.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN *For All the Saints* #526

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE – James Milton Black

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather
to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.
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POSTLUDE *Aboard the Gospel Train* – Colin Hand

Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are Deborah Rosen, Dale Gibson & Marie-Claire Cordray.
Baked goods are provided by Connie Chisholm & Carol Gerlach.

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