

November 11, 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

Festal Procession

— Rosalie Bonighton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

— Edith McNeill

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord.

Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord. Great is Your faithfulness.

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

— arr. Brent Milligan, David Crowder

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing.

O praise Him, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him. O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,

O praise Him, alleluia.

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,

ye lights of evening find a voice,

O praise Him. O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Anthem Text:

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
 Rejoice and sing
 and let the earth be glad.
 Let the heavens be filled with joy
 and a jubilant song.
 Sing Alleluia to the Lord.
 Tell of his salvation
 from day to day.
 Shout his marvelous works
 among the people.
 For great is the Lord
 and greatly to be praised.
 Lord, you have been our refuge
 from one generation to another,
 before the mountains were made,
 or the land and sea were born.
 From age to age you are God and
 we pray for the coming
 of your kingdom.
 We shall rejoice, we shall be glad
 all the days of our life.
 Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.

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.

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.

O praise Him, alleluia.
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, three in One.
 O praise Him. O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O, alleluia, alleluia. O, alleluia, alleluia.
 O, alleluia, alleluia. O, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you fold us into your family and adopt us as your own. We belong to you, O God, though we don't always demonstrate that in our actions. You ask us to be patient, and we become restless. You tell us that our gentleness should be known to everyone, yet we act unkind and even aggressive at times. You call us to love all people, near and far, and we construct barriers to that love. Forgive us, Lord. Draw us back to you and your ways of self-giving love and sacrificial service. Remind us that all people are made in your image. Help us to see you in the lives of those all around us. Cultivate a strong sense of caring and compassion in our hearts. We trust and pray in the name of 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

Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Grant us your light so that we might do your will, loving others as you have first loved us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-11

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BAPTISM OF MAGGIE LILO CRONENBERG

Elder: *People of God, why do we baptize?*

People: To obey the word of our Lord Jesus.

Elder: *How do we baptize?*

People: With confidence in the promise of the presence of Jesus Christ.

Elder: *What does baptism mean?*
People: In baptism the church celebrates God's grace as a sign is put on us to show that we belong to God.

Pastor: Who will care for this child of God? *(All family members and close personal friends please stand.)* Do you promise to provide the encouragement needed to fulfill the affirmations just made, and surround Maggie with prayer?

People: **We do.**

Pastor: Who will teach this child of God? *(All those involved in the church's Christian education ministry please stand.)* Do you promise to provide for Maggie's Christian education, offering instruction and nurture by your words and by the example of your life?

People: **We do.**

Pastor: Who will love this child of God? *(The remainder of the congregation please stand.)* Do you promise to share the good news of the gospel with Maggie, helping her to know and follow Christ, and by your fellowship, strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

People: **We do.**

*HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* #498

ANTHEM *A Jubilant Song* – Allen Pote

SERMON *Our Baptismal Identity* Rev. Ann Conklin

RESPONDING

*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 Lord Is My Shepherd* – Jimmy Owens
Joan White, Soprano

Liturgist: Dave Frederick

Greeter: Dale Gibson

Ushers: Thank you to Bill Anderson's team. Next week: Graham Walker's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by the Sanctuary Choir and Soloist Joan White. Next Sunday's special music will also 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 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.

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.

*DOXOLOGY
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN *Take My Life* #391 (vs. 1,2,3,6)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE – Paul Vasile

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God, sing glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, world without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
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POSTLUDE *Exultemus* – June Nixon

Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are John John Schlak & Karelle Reidhoefer.
Baked goods are provided by Carol Anderson & Anita Ramsey.

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