

November 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*

PRELUDE

My Hope Is Built on Christ, The Solid Rock

Praise The Day!

Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

— arr. Joyce Jones

— Michael Mazzatenta

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP *I Love You, Lord*

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.
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— Laurie Klein

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*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.*

*HYMN

— Billy J. Foote/Charles Silvester Horne

Sing To The King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation, His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Chorus: Come let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus.
He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus. Sing to the King.

*Please stand at the asterisks.

Anthem Text:

At the break of day, as I waken and pray, I can feel that God is near guiding all I do, ever faithful and true; I will never need to fear. Though I may not understand all the things that God has planned, in my heart I know I am not alone; God will give me strength to carry on. Though I never know what the future may hold or the trials I may face, I can ease my mind with the comfort I find in the promise of God's grace. When there's sadness in my heart and my life seems torn apart, I will find a way to rejoice each day. God will give me hope to carry on. When the storms of life surround you, you will feel God's arms around you bringing comfort where there's sorrow, giving hope to face tomorrow. At the break of day as you waken and pray, always know that God is near guiding all you do, ever faithful and true; you will never need to fear. Let each moment that you live be a chance to love and give. If you always start with a joyful heart, God will give you strength; God will give you hope; God will give you faith to carry on.

For His returning, we watch and we pray.
We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'Cause Satan is vanquished, and Jesus is King! (Chorus)
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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all,

People: **We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

Leader: We give allegiance to the powers of this world,

People: **and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

Leader: In your mercy, forgive us.

People: **Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,**

Leader: that we may be loyal ambassadors,

People: **obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(In silence, let us offer individual confession before God.)

***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

Loving God, you provide for our every need. You feed our bodies and our souls, yet we hunger to know and love you more and more. Nourish us with your Word today. Through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 1:4b-8

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Faith to Carry On – Don Besig/Nancy Price

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Paul Soderquist
Kingdom of Priests

RESPONDING

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

#441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

***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

— Houston/Crocker/Ligthelm, arr. Ron Mallory
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

***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**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

#151

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

(Tune: Lacashire)

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

Allegro Marziale

— Robert Jones

Coffee time will follow the service.

The hosts today are Mike & Stephanie Gerlach.

Baked goods are provided by Verna Green, Paul & Gail Soderquist.

Liturgist: Renita Jurgensen

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 Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir. 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: Greg Gerlach

Nursery Workers: Thank you to Jennifer & Grace Martin.

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.

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Activities for the Week of November 25, 2018

Today, 11/25	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m.	Monthly Food Drive Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 11/27	3:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Personnel Committee, Parlor Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 11/28	7:30a.m. 8:30a.m. 5:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 6:15p.m. 7:00p.m.	Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall Dave's Crew Wednesday WRAP First Ringers Adult Bible Study Choir, Choir Room
Thursday, 11/29	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
Saturday, 12/1	4:30p.m.	Carols by Candlelight — Advent Decorating, Sanctuary & FH

Upcoming Events

December 8	PW Holiday Gathering
December 10&11	Circles meet
December 16	Music Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Office Closed 5:30p.m. — Family Service 8:30p.m. — Traditional Service
December 25 12/31 & 1/1	Merry Christmas! Office closed

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