

December 2, 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 *Come, Ye Sinners* – arr. Joyce Jones

WELCOME

ADVENT MEDITATION Hal & Suzanne Engman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!

**People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

Pastor: Heaven and earth will pass away,

**People: but the Word of the Lord endures forever.**

Pastor: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

**People: and the promises of God will be fulfilled!**

\*HYMN *Creator of the Stars of Night* #4  
(first verse sung as solo followed by congregation  
singing all 4 verses)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O promised Christ, we are a world in turmoil. We are a people in distress. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people; our pardon depends on your coming.

We are full of good intentions, but weak at keeping promises. Our only hope of doing your will is that you come among us and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits, and we wait with it, for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Please stand at the asterisks.

### Anthem Text:

God so loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life. - The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win. His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure, how measureless and strong. It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song. - Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade. To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry. Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure, how measureless and strong. It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song. - God

### 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.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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

**Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

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**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### ANTHEM

— John Stainer/Frederick Lehman, arr. John Purifoy  
*God So Loved*

(with "God So Loved The World" and "The Love Of God")

### SERMON

Waiting with Hope

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.)

Communion Music

*I Love You, Lord*

— Laurie Klein

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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*As The Deer*

— Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus: You alone are my Strength, my Shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.  
(Chorus)

I want You more than gold or silver only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye. (Chorus)  
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*A Broken Spirit* — Harris/Nystrom  
Chorus: A broken spirit and a contrite heart  
You will not despise,  
You will not despise;  
You desire truth in the inward parts,  
A broken spirit and a contrite heart.

Lord, my heart is prone to wander, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Your courts above.  
(Chorus)  
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*Lord, Be Glorified* — Bob Kilpatrick  
In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, Be glorified today.  
In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.  
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#### 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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* — arr. Mark Sedio

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Liturgist:** Michael Gerlach

**Greeter:** Peter Eisenklam

**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 Sanctuary Choir. Next Sunday's special music will include our Heavenly Harmonies women's ensemble. The complete music schedule is available at [fpcmesa.org/worship-planning](http://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 Mihret & 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](mailto: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.

## SENDING

\*HYMN

(Tune of "O Jesus, I Have Promised")

### *There is a Mighty Question*

There is a mighty question we ask when nations rage:  
Just when will be Christ's coming, the ending of the age?

Take care, said Jesus clearly, for many will appear;  
They'll claim to be Messiah, yet people should not fear.

For in the days of Noah, the people went along  
In eating and in drinking, in merriment and song —  
Then suddenly the world changed with great, surprising power;  
So too will be Christ's coming, and no one knows the hour.

So keep awake and watchful; salvation is at hand!  
Our hope is in Christ Jesus, and by God's grace we stand.  
The night is almost over, we wait for God's new day,  
And through the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus' way.

Be ready in your living, for when you feed the poor,  
Or give to thirsty children the water they long for,  
And when you welcome strangers and help the ones in need,  
Christ says: "Receive my kingdom, for you are serving me."

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

(Tune: *Hyfrydol*)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

POSTLUDE

*Festal Day*

— Elizabeth Hill

**Coffee time will follow the service.**

**The hosts today are Dennis & Darlene Sitzler.**

**Baked goods are provided by Marilyn Uithoven & Ginny Mallia.**

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