

January 6, 2019  
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 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* – arr. Mark Sedio

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP – David Beaker Strasser

*Step by Step*

Oh, God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
Oh, God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek You in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in Your ways,  
And step by step, You'll lead me,  
and I will follow You all of my days,  
And step by step, You'll lead me,  
and I will follow You all of my days.

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN – Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson

*All Who Are Thirsty*

Verse: All who are thirsty, All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy, As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (Verse)

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

As deep cries out to deep, as deep cries out to deep,  
As deep cries out to deep. (We sing)

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of perfect light, you who once used a star to guide people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God, and lead us by the star of your love as we proceed through life. Lead us to Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*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**

Leader: Together let us pray for the illumination of God's Holy Spirit:

All: God of Epiphany, we long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day. Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2:1-12

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**ANTHEM**

*Too Late*  
One Voice

— Grant/Bannister/Christian

**SERMON**

Star-Giving

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>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#316
<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	#504
<i>Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	#510

## 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

*Your Love Awakens Me*

— Chris Quilala/Phil Wickham

**The congregation is invited to remain seated and join One Voice in singing the Offertory.**

**One Voice:** There were walls between us. By the cross,  
You came and broke them down. You broke them down.

And, there were chains around us. By Your grace, we are no longer bound, no longer bound.  
You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.  
You called my name, and then my heart came alive.

**Chorus (Congregation):** Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.  
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. (Repeat)

**One Voice:** Feel the darkness shaking.

All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life.  
Hear the song awaken, all creation singing We're alive 'cause You're alive.  
You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.  
You called my name, and then my heart came alive. (Chorus)

**One Voice:** And, what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.  
We shout it out! We're alive 'cause You're alive!  
And, what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.  
We shout it out! We're alive 'cause You're alive! (Chorus)

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#### \*DOXOLOGY

*We Are An Offering*

— Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

#### \*HYMN

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

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#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*RESPONSE

#369, Vs. 1

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

#### POSTLUDE

*Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

— arr. Mark Sedio

**Liturgist:** Sheilah Dye

**Greeters:** Jan Montgomery and Jeanne Partida

**Ushers:** Thank you to Don Wilson's team. Next week: Gary Marshall's team.

**Special Music:** This week's special music is being offered by One Voice. Next Sunday's special music will include Soprano Joan White and Tenor Mark Ramsey. 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

**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.

## Activities for the Week of January 6, 2018

<b>Today, 1/6</b>	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, 1/7</b>	7:00p.m.	Deacons, Library
<b>Tuesday, 1/8</b>	9:30a.m. 12:00p.m. 1:00p.m.	Deborah Circle, Parlor Lydia Circle, Parlor Rachel Circle, Library
<b>Wednesday, 1/9</b>	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 WRAP First Ringers, Bell Room Adult Bible Study Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 1/10</b>	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
<b>Friday, 1/11</b>	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, 1/12</b>	9:30a.m.	Annie Get Your Gun rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

### Upcoming Events

<b>January 13</b>	Commissions & Session meet
<b>January 25 &amp; 26</b>	FPC hosts Presbytery
<b>January 27</b>	Monthly Food Drive
<b>February 3</b>	Souper Bowl of Caring

Coffee time will follow the service.

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