

December 22, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Order of Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE

— James Murray, arr. Joel Raney

Away in a Manger

Barbara Walker and Mark Ramsey, Piano Duet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Heaven and Nature Sing*

— Chuck Bell

[Each line will be sung by the leader and echoed by the congregation.]

Sing a new song to the Lord
Lift your hearts with gratitude
Sing a new song to the Lord
Lift your hearts with gratitude
and Joy,
Peaceful Joy

Your steadfast love and faithfulness
Is ever present in our lives
Your steadfast love and faithfulness
Is ever present in our lives
with Joy,
Peaceful Joy

Choir Reader: Let the voices of all people blend in harmony,
In unison let the people magnify the Beloved!

We sing
We sing
Joy to the World
Heaven and nature sing
Joy to the World
Heaven and nature sing
With joy
Peaceful joy

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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*



If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and encourage you to sign the visitor card in the pew. Visitors are urged to leave their address, to receive a letter of welcome from the pastor and be placed on the newsletter email list, if desired.

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

All: God of peace, as we light these candles and dwell in Advent, the season of hopeful waiting, shine the light of your peace into our hearts and into our world. Amen.

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that too often we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We frequently ignore the Christ you sent to live among us and within us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts nor long for his presence to be fully in our lives.

Forgive us, Lord God. Renew and restore us. Let the whole earth ring out with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of your love and let Christ come into the fullness of our time, bringing life to all the world; Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAMATION

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Super Special Christmas
Pure Praise Singers

— Peter & Hanneke Jacobs

Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Dance and Sing, for the Lord Will Be With Us
FPC Youth/Young Adult Ensemble

— Hal Hopson

Reading

Isaiah 40:3-5

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
First Ringers

— arr. Matthew Robertson

Reading

John 1:14-18

What Child Is This? — English Folk Song, Text by William Dix
Hearts Hands and Voices Sign Language Ensemble

Reading

Matthew 2:10-11

The Little Drummer Boy
One Voice

— Harry Simeone/Larry Grossman

Reading

John 3:16-19

Go, Tell it on the Mountain
Sanctuary Choir, Barbara Walker and Bea Towe Pianists

— arr. Molly Ijames

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Bring at Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* — arr. Alex Guebert
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* #23

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Hallelujah*, from Messiah — George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

(For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
(Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah)
Hallelujah

The kingdom of this world;
is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ
and of His Christ

And He shall reign forever and ever
And he shall reign forever and ever
And he shall reign forever and ever
And he shall reign forever and ever

King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah
and Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah

King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah
and Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah

King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah
and Lord of lords

King of kings and Lord of lords

Liturgist: Kyle Harding

Greeters: Dave and Gretchen Frederick

Ushers: Thank you to Bill Anderson's team. Next week: Dennis Sitzler's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by all of our FPC Choirs in our Music Sunday "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Next Sunday's special music will include Hearts Hands and Voices and Organist Alice Edwards. This Tuesday, join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services, at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

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 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.

And he shall reign
And he shall reign
And he shall reign
He shall reign
And he shall reign forever and ever

King of kings forever and ever
and Lord of lords hallelujah hallelujah
And he shall reign forever and ever
King of kings and Lord of lords
King of kings and Lord of lords
And he shall reign forever and ever
Forever and ever and ever and ever
(King of kings and Lord of lords)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah

POSTLUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* – arr. Keith Chapman

Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are Mike & Stephanie Gerlach.
Baked goods are provided by Marilyn Uithoven & Ginny Mallia.

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