

January 26, 2020  
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*

*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.*

PRELUDE      *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*      – Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION      Jack Gunter

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      *We Bow Down*      – Twila Paris

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the Land and the sea;  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,  
and Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.  
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,  
King of the Land and the sea;  
You were King of the heavens before there was time,  
and King of all kings You will be.

We bow down, and we crown You the King.  
We bow down, and we crown You the King.  
We bow down, and we crown You the King.  
King of all kings You will be.

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*HYMN

*In Christ Alone*

— Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Till on the cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory, you love us more than we can imagine. You created a beautiful home for us and your desire is for our full flourishing. Even your law is a gift of grace. Yet we prefer to go our own way; to forge our own path. We wander and we stray from your will and your good intentions for our lives. Sometimes we even bury the gifts you given us in the ground, rather than letting your light shine through us. We act out of fear rather than love. We are too weary and burdened to delight in you. Forgive us, Lord God. Help us to give our burdens over to you; for you have promised to carry them for us. Help us to seek refuge in you; for you have promised to be our rock and our refuge. Help us to dwell in your Word and delight in your presence; for you have promised to be with us always, to the close of the age. Help us to trust in and rest upon the promises of your Word, through whom we pray; 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

Holy God, by your Holy Spirit shed your holy light upon your Word for us this morning, that we might truly encounter your Truth and follow in your Way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27:1-9

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chris McKee

ANTHEM *I Will Sing With the Spirit* – John Rutter  
GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30 Page 807  
SERMON Investing in Ministry Rev. Ann Conklin

## RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *The Gift of Giving* – Jane Kowall  
(Tune: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

Each of us has special talents, little things that we do well.  
These become our ways of sharing, these the stories that we tell.  
Some possess the gift of teaching, some the gift of ministry,  
Others have the gift of leading, different gifts for you and me.

Do you have the gift of giving, sharing that which you possess  
With great ease and with great gladness? Joyful giving God will bless.  
Our Creator and our Savior each had many gifts to give.  
They have set a high example, showing us the way to live.

God gave treasures of the kingdom. Jesus died to set us free.  
Blessings shared with all God's people. Blessings shared abundantly.  
We accepted gifts they gave us. Now, we pass them on with love.  
Yes, we have the gift of giving, given us from God, above.

\*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 *Festival Toccata on "St. Anne"* – arr. Frederick Swann

\*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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #422

**Liturgist:** Peter Eisenklam

**Greeters:** Jeanne Partida & Jan Montgomery

**Ushers:** Thank you to Graham Walker's team. Next week: Robert Harding's team.

**Special Music:** This week's special music is being offered by the Sanctuary Choir. Next Sunday's special music will also include the Sanctuary Choir. The complete music schedule is available at [fpc-mesa.org/worship-planning](http://fpc-mesa.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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:pastor@fpcmesa.org) if you are interested in participating in our next New Members Orientation class, Sunday, February 9, — 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** #369, Vs. 4  
 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on "St. Anne"* — Edwin Childs

**Activities for the Week of January 26, 2020**

<b>Today, 1/26</b>	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m. 1:00p.m.	Monthly Food Drive Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education HolyGrounds Service, Fellowship Hall Youth Ice Skating
<b>Wednesday, 1/29</b>	7:30a.m. 8:30a.m. 5:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall Dave's Crew WRAP Adult Bible Study First Ringers Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 1/30</b>	6:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 6:30p.m.	One Voice Sensible Shoes Small Group, Parlor Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
<b>Saturday, 2/1</b>	9:30a.m. 9:30a.m.	Theater Rehearsal, FH Needlework Grace Group, Parlor

**Upcoming Events**

<b>February 2</b>	Souper Bowl of Caring
<b>February 3</b>	Deacons meet
<b>February 10&amp;11</b>	Circles meet
<b>February 16</b>	Commissions & Session meet
<b>February 17</b>	President's Day — Office closed
<b>February 26</b>	Ash Wednesday

**Coffee time will follow the service.  
 The hosts today are Mike & Stephanie Gerlach.  
 Baked goods are provided by Connie Chisholm & Carol Gerlach.**

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