

8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)

Welcome Desk Greeter: Deacon Jean Donahue (8:30)/Jen Allen (11:00)

Greeters: Elder Bruce Melson; Trustee Tom Samuel; Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis

Ushers: John Miller, Ralph Gildehaus, Paul Lewis, John Clark, Joe Scheideler

Sound Technician: Harris Ransom

Pulpit Flower Arrangers: Carol Morgan, Sigrid Wares and Gretchen DeCou

11:00 am Worship Ministry (Contemporary, Miller Commons)

Worship Leader: Martin Bass

Greeter: Elder Joe Holman

Flowers are given to the glory of God and for His blessings in this new year.

Nursery Care is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers. The worship service can be viewed via TV monitor.

Members and Guests: Please take a moment to sign the Friendship pads in the pews so we can accurately record worship attendance and welcome visitors.



Kids (K-3rd grade): Don't forget to pick up your **worship bags** and check for your worship mission.

Pick up a copy of **Connections**, which contains the Covenant of Prayer, from the narthex, Welcome Desk, Miller Commons, or the church office. There are also large-print bulletins available.

The Church is currently **live-streaming** (video) all Services. You may access the live-stream video on our website www.fpcmoorestown.org/livestream.

Epiphany Concert: Please join us for our annual Epiphany Concert, which will be held TONIGHT at 7:30 p.m. The Adult and Chapel Choirs as well as the Choristers will sing carols, songs, and anthems of the Star and Wise Men as we, listening to the music, join the Magi in giving our all to the newborn King.

A free-will offering will be received, and childcare is provided. Come enjoy the sounds of all the Choirs and end the season with inspiration and triumph!

Next Sunday, January 13: Sermon title: "*An Atmosphere Thick with Love*"; Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6. Communion will also be served.

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Please Join Us for Worship

8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)

11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe in a wretched stable, wrapped in the garments of poverty? Can this Child truly be God?...Am I to consider the stable His palace? The manger His throne? Yes, these wise men have become fools that they may be wise.”

~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux

“To worship God means to serve Him. Basically, there are two ways to do it. One way is to do things for Him that He needs to have done... The other way is to do things for Him that you need to do—sing songs for Him, create beautiful things for Him, tell Him what’s on your mind and in your heart. In general, rejoice in Him and make a fool of yourself for Him the way lovers have always made fools of themselves for the one they love... Unless there is an element of joy and foolishness in the proceedings, the time would be better spent doing something useful.”

~ Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Caitlyn Posey

Acolytes: Audrey & Caitlin Barr

Beadle: Elder Mike Baker

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Kathy Gunsallus

Love Came Down at Christmas

Jordan

INTROIT

Love Came Down at Christmas

Archer

Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Elder Baker

Arise and shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us and all the world.

The mystery of God's grace has been revealed to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Celebrate and sing for joy! Through faith in Christ, we can boldly approach God and embrace His promises for our lives.

God's love is for all people everywhere.

Thanks be to God! Let us worship the One Who brings us love and hope.

HYMN NO. 190*

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

PRAYER OF ADORATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (The Apostles' Creed)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore the cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, free us from our destruction and darkness. Baptize us once again with Your Spirit so we may be forgiven and renewed. Help us to radiate Christ's hope and light and love in our hurting world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, when we bring our whole selves to God, we are never rejected. In fact, we are graciously forgiven, loved, and celebrated by the Maker of heaven and earth.

Friends, have no fear. You are forgiven. It's time to let go and be blessed by Christ's love and freedom in the new year.

Thanks be to God! Let us embrace Christ's love and forgiveness and live as new creations.

RESPONSE NO. 805*

Glory Be to the Father

HYMN NO. 710*

We Are Called to Be God's People

SHARING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Caitlyn Posey

ANTHEM

Hush, My Dear, Lie Still
Adult Choir/Gwen Wilkie, Solo

Archer

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

OFFERTORY

Behold That Star
Frank Mitchell, Bass

Spiritual arr. Burleigh
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

RESPONSE NO. 809*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12 (pg. 193 NT, Pew Bible)

SERMON

The Church on the Catwalk

Kelly LePenske

HYMN NO. 697*

In Christ There is No East or West

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

In Dulci Jubilo

Joel Krott

Dupre

BENEDICTION*

GREETING*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

As a sign of their forgiveness in Christ, the people share the peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words: "The peace of Christ be with you", "Peace be with you", or simply "Peace".

*Those who are able are invited to stand

***Seating interlude