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PRINTABLE ORDER FOR ELECTRONIC WORSHIP

Sunday, March 29, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary) – *LIVE STREAM*

Today we gather via electronic worship and welcome all ages to participate in this blended worship experience. You may wish to have a Bible on hand to look up the passages. Kids: race your parents to look up the verses!

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Stuart Spencer

[READING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS](#)

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Sacred Head

Brahms Op. 122 No. 9

Joel Krott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stuart Spencer

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER READING

[Psalm 130: 1–8](#)

Stuart Spencer

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

People: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Silence for reflection and meditation

Psalm Prayer:

“O God, you come to us in the depths of our darkest despair, in the suffering of Jesus Christ. By the rising of your Son, give us new light to guide us that we may always praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Counting the Cost
Martin and Christine Bass

Original song, Martin Bass

SHARING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*‘debts’*)

WAY OF THE WEEK 14

Stuart Spencer

GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith — through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you’ve gained with someone else. **Read:** [Mark 8: 34](#); [2 Timothy 2: 2](#)

OFFERTORY

- [Online giving is available](#) and is a simple automatic withdrawal or debit card transaction: visit www.fpcmoorestown.org. Need help? Contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 986-4507 (cell/text) or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.
- You may also give via cell phone through the Church Center app (download from the Apple or Google Play App Store) or mail your offering to the church.

SOLO

Deep River
Frank Mitchell, Bass

Spiritual, arr. Burleigh

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Sermon

“RUNNING OUT OF EXCUSES”
Scripture: [Luke 14: 25–33](#)
Sermon Series: **Not a Fan**

Rev. Spencer

Music in Preparation for Service

O Sacred Head

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Joel Krott

Benediction and Going Forth

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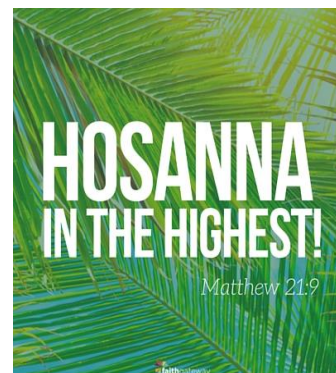
9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry (Blended, Sanctuary)

Music: Joel Krott, organ; Frank Mitchell, soloist; Martin and Christine Bass, duet
Sound Technician: Harris Ransom

- **Today’s flowers** are given to the glory of God by Renee Slemmer in loving memory of Carl Slemmer; and by Jim MacIntyre in loving memory of Nancy MacIntyre.
- **Next Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday Live Stream Worship 9:30 a.m.:** Scripture: Matthew 13: 44-52, Rev. Spencer preaches *It’s a Steal*.
- In compliance with state and local mandates to slow the spread of the contagious COVID-19 virus, we have suspended all worship services, church activities, and outside events. **Connect with First Presbyterian Church every SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M. FOR LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP.** Go to www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream from your computer, phone or tablet. If you can’t log on live, visit the site at a later time and enjoy the recorded worship service.
- The church office will be CLOSED until further notice. Staff members are reachable via e-mail, phone and text, and are working at home. Are you receiving the Friday eblast? And our Facebook posts? If not, email Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org so you can keep up with FPC news. God bless you and keep well.

Worship Schedule For Holy Week
(all streaming LIVE)

- ◆ **April 5:** Palm Sunday (9:30 a.m. Blended, Sanctuary)
- ◆ **April 9:** Maundy Thursday (7:00 p.m., Miller Commons)
- ◆ **April 10:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- ◆ **April 12:** Easter Worship
 - 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
 - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 - 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship





1. [Looking at Luke 14 in Context: A Short Video on Luke 9–19](#)
2. [What's Unique About Luke's Gospel?: An Overview](#)

(best for teens and adults)