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Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

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

Good morning! 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

Stuart Spencer

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Deck Thyself with Joy and Gladness
Joel Krott, Organ

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stuart Spencer

O God of indescribable grace, we come to you with the humble realization that sometimes we do fall short. We speak quickly out of frustration; react without love out of anger and hold onto resentment that only weighs us down. Open us up so that we can truly feel the power of your presence in our lives. Help us to walk forward with strength and perseverance and to be Christ-like to the people we meet along our journeys. Amen

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER READING

Psalm 23

Stuart Spencer

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Leader: He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me**

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Silence for reflection and meditation

SOLO

Deck Thyself With Joy and Gladness
Janet Wilkie, Soprano Joel Krott, Piano

Crueger

Deck thyself with joy and gladness, Dwell no more, my soul, in sadness;
Let the daylight shine upon thee, Put thy wedding garments upon thee.
For the Lord of life unending, Unto thee His call is sending:
Come, for the now the King most holy, stoops to thee in likeness lowly.
Hasten them my soul, to meet Him, eagerly and gladly greet Him.
As without He standeth knocking, quickly, thy soul's gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal,
Come and leave Thy servant never, dwell within my heart forever.

SHARING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Kelly LePenske

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

Kelly LePenske

WAY OF THE WEEK 19

Stuart Spencer

19. Accept and Don't Cast Stones. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! (Luke 15: 1 – 2)

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. (Romans 15: 7)

OFFERTORY

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SPECIAL MUSIC

In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust
Janet Wilkie, Soprano Joel Krott, Piano

German

In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust; Leave me not helpless in the dust,
Let me not be confounded. Let in Thy word my faith, O Lord,
Be always firmly grounded.

Bow down Thy gracious ear to me and hear my cries and prayers to Thee,
Haste Thee for my protection; For woes and fears surround me here.
O Lord, assistance lend me.

SERMON **“I CAN’T STOP THANKING GOD”** Stuart Spencer
Scripture: [1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10](#) (NRSV)
Sermon Series: Becoming a Beacon

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (HOME COMMUNION) Stuart Spencer
The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE *In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust* J.C.Bach
Joel Krott, Organ

SPECIAL MUSIC [I Lift My Hands](#) Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, Matt Maher
Martin and Christine Bass

BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH Stuart Spencer

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

Music: Joel Krott; Martin and Christine Bass
Soloist: Janet Wilkie
Sound Technicians: Harris Ransom, Sam Spencer, Martin Bass
Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer

- **Today’s flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the congregation and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown
- **Next Sunday, May 10, Live Stream Worship 9:30 a.m.:** Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12. Rev. Spencer preaches “More People On the Stage” continuing our sermon series “Becoming a Beacon.” Blessings this Mother’s Day.
- **Connect with First Presbyterian Church** for live streamed worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for a blended service and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for our Evening Prayer Service. Go to www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream from any device, as well as our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). If you can’t log on live, visit the site at a later time and enjoy the recorded worship service.
- **The church office is 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.



RESOURCES for sermon series: Becoming A Beacon: Studies in 1 Thessalonians

1. [**The Amazing Love of Paul's Model Church**](#) by **Edward N. Gross** (available through Amazon)
This book on the church of Thessalonica confronts us as disciples with the strategic and visionary way early followers of Christ understood the good news of the Gospel, internalized it and lived accordingly--with great impact.
2. [**Disciple-Making Seminar \(Zoom\) with Ed Gross**](#) – Saturday, May 2 from 8:45 a.m. – noon.
[Sign up online](#) or contact Jan Martin for registration information.
3. [**National Day of Prayer:**](#) As a church we will be praying for 12 hours on Thursday, May 7, the National Day of Prayer. This opportunity is presented by the FPC Prayer Committee. Please SIGN UP for a designated time to pray for our church, our families, our communities, our nation, and our world. As a church, we will be praying from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on May 7. Times are in 30-minute slots and available times are listed on the [SignUpGenius electronic sign up sheet](#). Please sign up for a time(s) that works for your schedule.

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