



Sunday, November 29, 2020 ~ First Sunday in Advent
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary)

Good morning and blessings to you this beautiful Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent. Today we gather together for in-person and for live stream worship as we prepare for the Coming of Christ.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

Music in Preparation for Worship

Savior of the Nations, Come

Joel Krott, Organ

J.S. Bach BWV 659

Introit

Savior of the Nations, Come

Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Frank Mitchell; Sam Scheibe, Director

Luther, Ambrosian Chant

Savior of the nations, come, show Yourself, the virgin's Son.
Fill with wonder, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.
Not by human power or seed did the woman's womb conceive;
Only by the Spirit's breath was the Word of God made flesh.

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles

Rev. Wes Allen

We light this first candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom.

The nations beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession

Kelly LePenske

Lord God, our heavenly Father, our lives are full of sin. We forget you and we ignore our neighbor's needs. We seldom love you above all else. We know that we need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts and minds. Oh come, oh come to us, Jesus, Savior of the world. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer of confession.

Reflection

Janet Wilkie, soloist

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kelly LePenske

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. Your sins and mine are forgiven. The penalty is paid in full by Jesus.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Kelly LePenske

Way of the Week #24

Kelly LePenske

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

- *"No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him. (Luke 8: 39)*
- *Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies. (Psalm 107: 2)*
- *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1: 8)*

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

THANK YOU to all who are faithfully giving by mail or electronically through [our website](#). Your generosity allows FPC Moorestown to support its staff and responsibilities during this pandemic. Please consider how God is calling you to bring hope and love to others through prayer, service and financial giving. Give directly from your phone by [using the Church Center App](#)! Questions? Contact the church office at 856.235.1688.

Offertory Music

The Angelic Greeting

Brahms Op. 22 No. 1

Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Frank Mitchell

We hail thee, O Mary, thou highly favored: so sang all the angels to Mary the virgin,
As she was praying with heart afire.
O Mary, O Mary, a Son shalt thou seen be bearing! So heaven and earth this desire are sharing
That thou shouldst be mother of Christ the Lord.
O angel, how can such things come upon me? As yet no man has even known me,
In all this world, in all this broad wide world.
A dew comes down the meadows to cover, so shall the Holy Ghost o'er Thee hover,
So shall the Savior, the Savior of man be born.
Then Mary, who heard this with joyful spirit, Did say: "I am surely the Lord's handmaiden,
According to thy word be it unto me."
The angel now fell upon his knee, with joy they all sang to Mary, to Mary,
They all sang to Mary, to Mary a glorious song!

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"The Fear of Wisdom and the Wisdom of Fear"

Scripture: Text: [Proverbs 1: 1-7 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: "Be Not Afraid"

"These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline." – Proverbs 1: 1-7 (NLT)

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Wes Allen

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music in Preparation for Service

Savior of the Nations, Come

Kaufmann

Joel Krott, Organ

The people are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex.

[\(Watch the Way of the Week video from Beth Lefferts\)](#)

[\(Watch this video about The \(Un\)simple Truth\)](#)

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Sally Bishop and Gretchen Birdsall
Ushers:	Steve Connlain (lead), Greg Connlain Jeff Legath, Dave Barr, Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy

- **Today's sanctuary flowers** are given from Susan Masiko to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Grace Worthing.
- **Children's Sunday School** has been expanded to 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come see us!
- **Everyone entering the FPC campus is required to check in upon arrival.** For worship, please use the automated check-in feature on the [Church Center app](#) on your smart phone or one of the manned check-in stations. **All entry is through the Commons Lobby.**
- **Next Week:** On December 6th, Rev. Stuart Spencer preaches "The Hopes and Fears of all the Years" from Isaiah 11: 1-10. Sermon series: "Be Not Afraid."
- **Special Event: Longest Night Service:** On December 6th at 7:00 p.m., Beth Douglass leads this service designed to provide peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression this season or who may not be feeling joyful. Lord's Supper served, special music and prayer. Event is open to the community; worship will be live streamed via fpcmoorestown.org. If you, or someone you know needs a quiet place in the rush of December, come to the Longest Night.
- **December 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom):** [The \(Un\)simple Truth](#) "Becoming Peacemakers" featuring Amanda Mootz from World Vision. Amanda collaborates with community leaders, pastors and politicians to make the Gospel a tangible reality for people from all walks of life, particularly those who experience inequality in its many forms. [Visit our website](#) for the webinar link and passcode.

