



Sunday, January 3, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas ~ Happy New Year
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #4

4. Always Encourage and Celebrate. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

- We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1: 3, 4)

Ideas for Action: Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. Lord, you have taught children and even nursing babies to give you praise. They silence your enemies. When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you have set in place—what are humans that you should think of us?

For you made us only a little lower than God, and you crowned us with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Let us now worship our great and majestic Lord.

Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession

Kelly LePenske

Wondrous God, who set the sun and moon above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often we have tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kelly LePenske

Hear the good news! The Lord says, "Come now, let us reason together:

Though our sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like white wool. Amen.

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

Kelly LePenske

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

Please remember the church in your giving as we close out our fiscal year. Offerings for 2020 Christmas Green and 2020 Budget Help may be accepted by the church through **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5**. *Checks must be dated December 31, 2020*. You may also hand deliver gifts to the church office through January 5 with a December 31 check date. [Give easily online](#) or directly from your phone by [using the Church Center App](#). For questions or help, contact Norman Vandergrift in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 112.

Offertory Music

Once in Royal David's City

Arr. Althouse

Janet Wilkie, Soprano
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all.
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.
And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above.
He shall lead His children on to the place where He is gone.
Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by
We shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.
When like stars His children crowned, all in white shall wait around.
Once in royal David's city, He was born!

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"Day 1: A Wonderful Light-Filled World"

Scripture Text: Genesis 1: 1-5

Music in Preparation for Service

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Held

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Brett Couvillion, Barry Leatherman
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath

- **Today's sanctuary flowers** are given by The Sinunu Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack with thanksgiving for his life.
- **Missions Book Club January 11, 2021 via Zoom** -- Our January Book will be Eleanor Turnbull's *Those Who Passed By*. This veteran missionary traces the story of Haiti's development by what happens along the Kenscoff Road and those who travel its bumps and curves; countless men and women who were just "passing by." **Find the Zoom link on our [Events page](#), Friday eblast and website.**
- **Registration Opens for Step by Step Preschool** -- Now is the time to register for the 2021-2022 school year at Step by Step Christian Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. **Early registration for church members and current enrollees begins the week of January 11.** Open registration for all others will begin on January 27. Applications can be found online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration beginning January 8th. Classes begin in September 2021 and are available for 2 ½ year olds (age 2 by April 1), 3-year olds (age 3 by Sept 30) and Pre-K students (age 4 by Sept. 30). Step by Step offers flexible options for morning or afternoon sessions for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week, and is open to members of the church and surrounding communities. Visit the preschool's website for more information at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/growth/step-by-step-preschool/> or contact director Amy Delgado at 856.235.1688, x132 or adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org.
- **SAVE THE DATE: PW Winter Gathering via Zoom** – Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm; speaker is Linda Jagiela presenting *The Changing Face of Missions in the World*. Watch for the Zoom information on the Friday eblast, Events page and website.

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- **Evening Prayer at FPC Moorestown: New Ways to Pray:** We're continuing to see the Lord together on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm with our live stream Evening Prayer service. Some of our members and friends have joined Pastor Spencer in setting aside Thursdays as a day for Fasting and Prayer. Our Prayer services will now be around 15 minutes in length.
 - On the first and fourth Thursday of each month, we'll pray about our concerns as a congregation. Your prayer requests—both joys and concerns—are welcome. Please submit your prayer requests to the Church Office by 9:00 am on Wednesdays.
 - On the second Thursday, we offer a guided prayer time using the Harvest Prayer of Jesus. This prayer time is based on the teaching of Jesus from Luke 10. We're asking the Lord to make us a congregation of disciples who make disciples.
 - On the third week of each month, we'll be praying for the important matter of racial healing and reconciliation using a time of guided prayer.
- **FASTING ON THURSDAYS:** Join Pastor Stuart Spencer on Thursdays for a day of full or partial fasting. However or whenever you fast on Thursdays, be sure to participate in our Evening Prayer service at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to fast for medical reasons, plan to make Thursday a special day of prayer for yourself, our church and our nation. If there are medical or health reasons that prohibit you from fasting, please do not fast. If you're uncertain, consult your doctor before fasting. For more information about the practice of fasting, visit our Events page:
<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/547777>.

