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INTERACTIVE ORDER FOR LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6, 2020

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

Good morning and blessings to you this beautiful Sunday! Today we gather for live stream worship. You may wish to have a Bible on hand to look up the scripture references. Kids: Can you race your family to look up the passages?



Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

Powell

Music in Preparation for Worship

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Call to Worship

Kelly LePenske

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Who pours out freely the gift of Your Holy Spirit: We confess before You that we have failed to recognize this most valuable gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse and forgive us, O Lord. Burn away our presumption and self-sufficiency. Open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of Your hand. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

Continued

Assurance of Forgiveness

Old Testament Lessons

Psalm 137: 1-4 (NRSV)

Psalm 139: 1-3, 7-10 (NRSV)

Solo

Faith

Janet Wilkie, Soprano Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

> O Prince of Peace, who came, obscure and lowly That man through Thee might find eternal life... Thy gentle precepts, Thy wisdom pure and holy has stood secure through man's eternal strife. When bowed by care, dismayed by life's confusion, We blindly seek to know Thy guiding will. Do we but listen within the soul's seclusion, Thy still small voice doth lead Thy children still.

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

Way of the Week #12 (Watch the video from Chris Catanella & Pat Joyner)

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

- All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12: 27)
- This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. (1 Corinthians 12: 26)

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our <u>website</u> to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

Offertory

THANK YOU to all who have signed up for our secure electronic giving on <u>our website</u>. Your generosity allows FPC Moorestown to support its full-time staff and equip our mission partners with essentials during the pandemic. Give directly from your phone by using the <u>Church Center app</u>! Questions? Contact Norm Vandergrift at <u>nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org</u> or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112.

Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort

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Our Lasting Legacy -- You can help FPC Moorestown *"Always be prepared"* by contributing to our <u>September 12th Fund</u>. Contributions are invested for the benefit of our church over time, with a portion distributed each year for current church needs. As you are able, please consider a gift specially designated to ensure the care and stability of our church now and for future generations by donating to the September 12th Fund. <u>Give online</u> or mail a check to the church with Sept. 12 in the memo field.

Offertory Music

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Janet Wilkie, Soprano and Gwen Wilkie, Alto Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

> I want Jesus to walk with me; along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I Want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Sermon

"Harps Hanging in the Tree"

Scripture: Text: Romans 8: 35-39 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper

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

Music in Preparation for Service

By the Waters of Babylon Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Special Music (view performance)

Great Are You Lord

Martin and Christine Bass, vocals

<u>Welcome Dr. Kort!</u> We warmly welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort as our guest preacher at both of our worship services. Tom serves as the Vice President for Advancement at Princeton Theological Seminary. Previously he served in ministry for over 40 years, most recently for 27 years as Pastor of the Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Tom is a gifted pastor, preacher, and teacher, and a passionate cheerleader for the transformative impact a vital congregation can have on the lives that it touches, and on the world far beyond its doors.

Afro-American Spiritual

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9:30 A.M. Worship Ministry (Blended, Sanctuary)

Music: Soloists: Audio Technician: Video vMix Operator: Video Camera Operator: Flower Arranger: Kathy Gunsallus Janet Wilkie and Gwen Wilkie Harris E. Ransom Harris A. Ransom Harris A. Ransom Stacy Schaffer

- **Today's sanctuary flowers** are given by Joan and Michael Welch to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son Evan Welch, from family, friends and all who loved him.
- The church campus remains CLOSED. Staff members are reachable at home via email, phone and text. Are you receiving the Friday eblast? And our Facebook posts? If not, email Jan Martin at <u>imartin@fpcmoorestown.org</u> so you can keep up with FPC Moorestown news.
- Live Stream Worship -- Connect with FPC Moorestown for live stream worship every Sunday at 9:30

 a.m. for a blended service and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for our Prayer Service. Go to
 <u>www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream</u> from any device, as well as our <u>YouTube channel</u> and <u>Facebook</u>
 <u>page</u>. Can't log on live? Visit the sites later to watch the recorded service.
- Next Week: On Sunday, Sept. 13, Stuart Spencer begins a two-week sermon series "If My People ..." on prayer and fasting, from the sermon text <u>2 Chronicles 7: 11-22</u>. We will gather for one COMBINED service outside at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate our Fall Kickoff and Ministry Fair.

Gather for Fall Kickoff on Sept. 13; ONE Combined Outdoor Service

Our traditional Fall Kickoff to the program year begins Sunday, September 13 with a combined worship service on the Sanctuary steps/church lawn at **9:30 a.m.** <u>There will be no 8:30 a.m. outdoor</u> <u>worship that day.</u> We look forward to worshiping safely together as one church family. Kickoff Sunday traditionally "kicks off" our program year. This year, of course, is significantly different as we develop new opportunities given the restrictions on in-person gatherings.

Please bring your own chairs or blankets and masks, and spread out



safely on the lawn. **Reservations required. Reservations for Sept. 13 worship open at noon Monday, Sept. 7** and close at 3:00 pm Friday, Sept. 11. *This is an OUTSIDE event and weather dependent.* Any cancellation will be posted by 8:30 a.m. that morning.

Following the 9:30 a.m. service, attendees are invited to visit display tables on the paved courtyard area between the Commons Lobby and the Sanctuary, for an abbreviated **Ministry Fair** as we discover ways to connect with God throughout the year. Think about familiar or new ways you wish to Serve. Connect. Devote. and Worship this year.

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