



Sunday, December 20, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent, Lessons and Carols
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #2

- 2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4: 29)

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Improvisation on "Puer Natus Est"

Joel Krott, Organ

Titcomb

Introit

Puer Natus Est

Sam Scheibe, Baritone

Gregorian Chant

*Puer natus est nobis
Et filius datus est nobis
Cuius imperium super humerum eius
Et vocatur nomen eius
Magni consili angelus.*

A boy is born to us,
And a Son is given to us,
Upon Whose shoulders authority rests
And His name will be called
"The Angel of Great Counsel."

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles (Love)

Kelly LePenske

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Here again the words of the prophet Isaiah. "Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,"

And all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The people who have lived and walked in darkness have seen a great light. Come, let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Kelly LePenske

Lessons and Carols: Jesus Is

LESSON: Jesus is the New Adam

Stuart Spencer

Confession and Assurance

Scripture: Genesis 2: 4 – 9, Colossians 1: 15 – 20

Carol: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Margaret Munro, Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe, Frank Mitchell

Prayer of Confession

Stuart Spencer

Almighty God, You Who shaped out of nothing all that is,

Forgive us for returning to You empty-handed and empty-hearted.

You Who called forth light,

Forgive our love of the darkness.

You Who sent Jesus, the Firstborn of all creation,

Forgive us when we ignore Him. Remake us in the image of Christ,

so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine in and through us; for we ask these things through the name of Jesus Christ, our newborn Savior and Lord. Amen.

Time of silence to seek the Lord's mercy

Assurance of Pardon

Stuart Spencer

Through the work of Jesus, God has reconciled us to Himself; and we rejoice with the angels proclaiming:

Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth. God and sinners are reconciled. Jesus was born so that we no longer die and so that we may be born again. Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Thou Shalt Know Him

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Margaret Munro, Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe, Frank Mitchell

LESSON: Jesus is the New Noah

Kelly LePenske

Remembrance of Baptism

Scripture: Genesis 7: 1-5; 1 Peter 3: 18-21

Remembrance of Baptism

Anthem

What Adam's Disobedience Cost

Clarke

Margaret Munro, Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe, Frank Mitchell

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kelly LePenske

LESSON: Jesus is the Son of David

Kelly LePenske

Thanksgiving for God's Covenants

Scripture: II Samuel 7: 10-14, 16, Luke 1: 30-33, 2:4-7

Carol: Away in a Manger

Abbie Fuss, Taylor Krott, Bethany Trzeciak

Prayer of Praise

Kelly LePenske

Way of the Week #2 (see front page)

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

Please remember the church in your year-end giving and consider how God may be calling you to bring hope and love to others through prayer, service and financial gifts. [Give easily online](#) or directly from your phone by [using the Church Center App](#). Thank you to all who are generously giving by mail or electronically. Your faithfulness has allowed the church to support its staff and responsibilities during this pandemic. For questions or help, contact the church office at 856.235.1688.

Offertory Music

Hush, My Dear, Lie Still

Archer

Margaret Munro, Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe, Frank Mitchell

LESSON: Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Stuart Spencer

Scripture: Psalm 23, John 10:11-17

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord watches over me. God gives me a home to live in, water to drink, and food to eat. God gives meaning to my life.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord guides me along the right way. Even when I'm walking by myself in a strange place, I don't feel scared because I know that the Lord is with me to help me and give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord has blessed me with so many things. I will never be able to repay God for His faithfulness and kindness to me.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

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

Music in Preparation for Service

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Joel Krott, Organ

Nixon

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.

Special Music (Ensemble)

Ensemble

Gesu Bambino

Martens / Yon

Charles Bass, Christine Bass, Eternity Bass, Judah Bass, Kristin Bass, Martin Bass, Simeon Bass, Trey Bass, Parris Bass, Sarah Bromke, Lauren Clark, Cheryl Gaskill, Beth Lefferts, Becca Neindorff, Yanelle Pabon, Dennis Palma, Caitlyn Posey, Matt Posey, Gwen Wilkie, Janet Wilkie.

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Poinsettia Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer, Steve Cashmer
Ushers:	Steve Connlain, Greg Connlain, Jeff Legath, Dave Barr, Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Adrienne Barr

Today's sanctuary flowers are the glorious poinsettias given to the glory of God and with love by the our members in honor of and in loving memory of those they hold dear. *Please see the list of dedications in the [bulletin and Connections](#).* If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take it after today's worship service.

Looking for that last-minute gift? Shop the catalog pages of our [Alternative Gift Market](#) where you can purchase donations to causes in the name of the recipient. See our online events page for details and a link to the catalog. Contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org or cell 267.275.7582. Open through Dec. 24.

Check your mailbox for [a letter from Pastor Stuart](#) recapping our historic year of 2020 and sharing information about [end of year giving opportunities](#) including Christmas Green, our annual holiday offering. We look forward with faith.



There is no Sunday School on Dec. 20, Dec. 27 or Jan. 3. We will see you on Jan. 10.

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[Christmas Eve Schedule](#)

See website, eblast, Connections and Events page for details

We are planning three worship services, right now scheduled for Dec. 24. There is a chance services may move to Wednesday, Dec. 23 due to predicted weather.

- **3:00 pm:** Outdoor Service in the courtyard (between the sanctuary and the Commons)
- **4:00 pm:** Live Stream Communion Service in the sanctuary (NO in-person attendance)
- **7:00 pm:** Outdoor Service in the courtyard

Outdoor services will be approximately 20 minutes in length. Dress warmly, please wear a mask and bring a chair if you would like. To restrict respiration, individuals will be given a battery-powered candle to hold. There will be no in-person attendance at the 4:00 pm live stream service.