

Following worship candles may be deposited in boxes at the exit doors. You are invited to keep your candle and take it home as a reminder of the light of God's love.

Ushers: John Miller, Paul Lewis, Leonard Fitts, Harris Ransom, Joe Scheideler, Gary Bender

Greeter: Elder Steve Engle

Musicians: Carol Benner (Primary Choir Accompanist), Rebecca Neindorff (Junior Choir Accompanist), Noah Migrala (Clarinet) and Jessica Migrala (Flute)

Sound Operator: Harris Ransom

Trustees: Paul Lewis and Bill Conner

Our Actors

Mary: Natalie Connlain

Joseph: Sean Connlain

Angels: Brooke Bialous, Vanessa Bialous, Sophia de la Cruz, Clara Rose, Mabel Rose, Lydia Walker, Hannah Walker

Shepherds: Bryce Diehl, Avery Gordon, Isaac Gordon, Erin van de Berg, Catherine van de Berg

THE Star: Fischer McNab

The Magi: Adriana Butler, Emma McNab, Jake Neindorff, Nick Neindorff

Tonight's Christmas Eve Worship: 6:00 pm Family Service, 8:30 pm Communion Service; 10:40 pm Chapel Choir Concert / 11:00 pm Lessons and Carols.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day – Combined worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller will preach on Luke 2: 1-20, *"The Season of Surprises – Then and Now."* There is no Adult Education, Sunday School, or nursery care.

Sunday, December 29 ~ 5th Sunday – Combined worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Spencer will read "The Christmas Pageant" by Michael L. Lindvall from *Good News from North Haven*. There is no Adult Education, Sunday School or nursery care.

First Presbyterian Church office is CLOSED December 25-26. The office will be open December 27th, 30th and 31st (closing at 1:00 p.m.) and will be closed January 1, 2020.

Moravian Lovefeast Concert ~ Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm

To conclude the Christmas season three choirs join forces in this highly historical worship form which involves choral and congregational singing of seasonal music and the serving of a simple symbolic meal (in the Sanctuary) which symbolizes our unity in the newborn King. Choristers (Grades 5-8) and Chapel Choirs (Grades 9-12) team with the Adult Choir for a triumphant concert of exhilarating music. A free will offering will be taken, and childcare is provided.

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Artist: Naomi Gandy, Age 9

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

- Isaiah 9: 6-7

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2019
4:00 P.M.**

The Worship of Christ the Savior
December 24, 2019 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Kelly LePenske

INTROIT MUSIC *Why It's Christmas* Kirkland
Christmas Tells of Jesus Rhea
The Baby Jesus Poulan
Primary Choir Carol Benner, Piano

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Wesley, Jen, Vivian and Jacob Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP * Kelly LePenske

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: **The light has shined on those who've lived in the land of the shadow of darkness.**
Leader: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given and His Name will be called:
People: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

HYMN NO. 146 * *Joy to the World*

LESSON 1: MARY'S STORY
Scripture Lesson Luke 2: 1-7 Ava Ford, Addison Ford

Anthem *Little Jesus* Len Law
Junior Choir
Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

LESSON 2: THE SHEPHERDS' STORY
Scripture Lesson Luke 2: 8-18 Naomi Gandy, Rebecca Mann

Anthem *Long, Long Ago* Mark Sirette
Junior Choir
Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

LESSON 3: THE MAGI'S STORY
Scripture Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12 Cole Legath, Evan Schad, Addison LaMonica

Hymn No. 181 * *As With Gladness Men of Old*

LESSON 4: THE STORY OF GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE
Scripture Lesson John 3 : 16-17 Kelly LePenske

Hymn No. 147 * (all verses) *Away in a Manger*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Rev. Stuart Spencer

OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING *Special Christmas Green offering envelopes are in the pew for your gift.*

OFFERTORY *Sing Noel* Cristi Cary Miller
The Bass Kids – Martin (Judah), Parris and Eternity Bass
Kristin Bass, Piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Spencer

MESSAGE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
*When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your UNLIT candle to the lit one.
As we light our candles remembering Jesus is the Light of the World, let us stand and sing.*

HYMN NO. 152 * (all verses) *Angels We Have Heard on High*
**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

HYMN NO. 164 * (all verses) *Silent Night! Holy Night!*
**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

BENEDICTION * (carefully extinguish candles) Kelly LePenske

* Those who are able are invited to stand *** seating interval **(over)**