



Sunday, December 27, 2020 ~ First Sunday after Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #3

3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY. Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

- *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. (James 1: 19, 20)*

Ideas for Action: Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joseph Dearest, Help Me Rock the Child Divine
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Purvis

Call to Worship

Leslie Spencer

Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship and adore God.

Prayer of Adoration

Leslie Spencer

Prayer of Confession

Leslie Spencer

“God of mercy and love, all year long we pursue our interests and goals, yet you come in humility and weakness. In the Christmas season, we often covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting. Through the great gift of the Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, and correct us. Please open our eyes and ears and, most of all, our minds and hearts, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, so that we may witness to your transforming love. This we pray, through the strong and certain name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.”

Time for silent reflection and confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.

To all who welcomed Him, to those who trusted in His wonderful name, the Lord gave the right to become children of God. Amen.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

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

Mary's Lullaby (Maria Wiegenlied)

Max Reger

Alexandra Fields, Alto
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Mary sits by the rose bower and rocks her little Jesus,
Softly through the leaves the warm wind of summer blows.
A brightly colored bird sings at her feet:
Go to sleep, sweet child, it's time to go to sleep!
Your smile is lovely, your happy sleep lovelier still,
Lay your tired little head against your mother's breast!
Go to sleep, sweet child, it's time to go to sleep!

German Translation:

*Maria sitzt im Rosenhag und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,
Durch die Blätter leise weht der warme Sommerwind.
Zu ihren Füßen singt ein buntes Vögelein:
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße, Schlaf nun ein!
Hold ist dein Lächeln, holder deines Schlummers Lust,
Leg dein müdes Köpfchen fest an deiner Mutter Brust!
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße, schlaf nun ein!*

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

“The Mouse, the Sink, and the Bowl”

A Christmas Sermon

Music in Preparation for Service

Tidings of Joy

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Jordan

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:	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Leonard Fitts, Gary Bender, James Clinton, Michael Welch
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller

- **Today’s sanctuary flowers** are given by Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eva Rudisel and Harriet Balian, sisters of Lucy and the late Harry Knowles.
- **Member households were recently mailed 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.
- **Holiday Hours:** The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 28. The office will be open on a limited basis throughout the week, open until noon Dec. 31 and closed January 1, 2021. [Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the FPC Moorestown staff!](#)
- **Copies of 2020 giving statements** are available by contacting the church office at 856.235.1688.

