



Sunday, January 10, 2021 ~ Baptism of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #5

5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT. Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4: 8)

Ideas for Action: Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

Music in Preparation for Worship

Pavanne

William Byrde

Minuet in C Minor

Jeremiah Clarke

Joel Krott, Organ

Call to Worship

Kelly LePenske

In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said, "Let there be light"

And there was light, and God called the light good.

In the beginning, when it was very quiet, the Word was with God.

And what God was, the Word was.

When the time was right God sent the Son.

He came among us and lived among us.

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In the quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his friends. He is the light of the world; and he is the hope of the world. Come then, and let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Kelly LePenske

Prayer of Confession

Stuart Spencer

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our home life: for the moodiness and irritability that makes us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feeling of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others. When we think of ourselves and of the ugliness and weakness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus, our Savior. Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. Amen.

Silence for personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Stuart Spencer

Hear these certain and comforting words: If you repent, turning from your wrongs, and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven.

We will wholeheartedly trust God's redeeming promises and begin our lives with God and these good people all around us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

FROM THE TRUSTEES: *We want to sincerely express our gratitude to the entire congregation for the year-end financial support we received. Thanks to your response to our appeals, our December collections significantly exceeded expectations and should allow us to close the year with a small surplus rather than a projected deficit. Any surplus, together with other budget relief funds that were already expected to be used for a 2020 budget deficit, is now available to reduce the projected deficit we face in 2021. While we are still contending with financial challenges in 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, your incredible response to our year-end appeal has brightened the picture meaningfully. We are very appreciative of the sacrifices and efforts all of you make for the good of our Church and the missions we serve.*

Offertory Music

Creator Alme Siderum

Praetorius

Janet Wilkie, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Frank Mitchell, Sam Scheibe solo

Creator alme siderum
Aeterna lux credentium
Jesu, Redemptor omnium,
Intende votis supplicum.

1. Creator of the starry skies!
Eternal Light of all who live!
Jesus, Redeemer of mankind!
An ear to Thy poor supplicants give.

Qui daemonis ne fraudibus
Periret orbis, impetu
Amoris actus, languidi
Mundi medela factus es.

2. When man was sunk in sin and death,
Lost in the depth of Satan's snare
Love brought Thee down to cure our ills,
By taking of those ills a share.

Commune qui mundi nefas
Ut expiaries, ad crucem
E Virginis sacrario
Intacta prodis victima.

Cujus potestas gloriae,
Nomenque cum primum sonat,
Et caelites et inferi
Tremante curvantur genu.

Te deprecamur, ultimae
Magnum diei Judicem,
Armis supernae gratiae
Defende nos ab hostibus.

Virtus, honor, laus, gloria
Deo Patri cum Filio
Sancto simul Paraclito
In saeculorum saecula.

3. Thou, for the sake of guilty men,
Causing Thine own pure blood to flow,
Didst issue from Thy virgin a shrine
And to the cross a Victim go.

4. So great the glory of Thy might,
If we but chance Thy name to sound
At once all heaven and hell unite
In bending low with awe profound.

5. Great Judge of all! In that last day
When friends shall fail and foes combine,
Be present then with us, we pray,
To guard us with Thine arm divine.

6. Power, honor, praise, and glory
to God the Father and the Son
and also to the holy Paraclete,
While eternal ages run.

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

“Day 2: A Wonderful, Awesome World”

Scripture Text: Genesis 1: 6-8

Then God said, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.”⁷ And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens.⁸ God called the space “sky.” And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day. – Genesis 1: 6-8

Music in Preparation for Service

March in D Major

Joel Krott, Organ

Jeremiah Clarke

Benediction and Going Forth

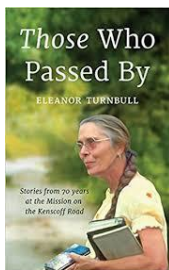
Stuart Spencer

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:	Carol Morgan
Ushers:	Steve Connlain, Greg Connlain, Jeff Legath, Dave Barr, Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Ramage

Today’s sanctuary flowers are given by Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Harry Knowles.



Missions Book Club January 11, 2021 via Zoom – TOMORROW the January Book Club meets virtually to discuss 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." **ZOOM LINK:** www.zoom.com; **Meeting ID: 836 9588 8226; Passcode: 9FqaKf.** See our Events page, website and eblasts.

- **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. Classes begin in September 2021 and are available for 2 ½ year olds (age 2 by April 1, 2021), 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 information at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool/> or contact director Amy Delgado at 856.235.1688, x132 or adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org.



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- **SAVE THE DATE: PW Winter Gathering via Zoom** – Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm; speaker is Linda Jagiela presenting *The Changing Face of Mission in the World*. **ZOOM LINK:** www.zoom.com; **Meeting 811 1846 5581; Passcode: 3P7F0M.**
- **Evening Prayer at FPC Moorestown: New Ways to Pray:** We continue to see the Lord together on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm with our live stream Evening Prayer service. Several people 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 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, simply plan to make Thursday a special day of prayer for yourself, our church and our nation. For more information about the practice of fasting, visit our Events page: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/547777>.