



Sunday, January 24, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday After Epiphany
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #7

7. **CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY.** Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in harmony! (Psalm 133: 4)

Ideas for Action: Seek out someone from a different background, culture or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Largo

Joel Krott, Organ

Handel

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 121)

Frantz Constant

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Come and let us worship God in this Holy place and in this Holy time.

Prayer of Adoration

Frantz Constant

Prayer of Confession

Frantz Constant

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of your beautiful creation, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of resources, beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another; heal us that we may be a people of healing, and renew us that we may also be makers of peace. Amen.

Silence for personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Frantz Constant

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

We will trust God's powerful promises, and live now as free and grateful people. Amen.

Anthem

I Sing th' Mighty Power Of God

Lovelace

Women (in the loft): Soprano: Margaret Munro, Leah Rykaczewski, Grace Rykaczewski, Janet Wilkie. Alto: Gwen Wilkie, Alexis Fields, Karen Molloy

Men (on the risers): Tenor: Sam Scheibe, Fernando Mancillas. Bass: Stephen Gross, Frank Mitchell, Ivan Woods
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

I sing th' Almighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day:
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glory known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order of Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

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Offertory Music

To God, Who Made the Radiant Sun

Handel

Fernando Mancillas, Tenor
Joel Krott, Piano

To God, Who made the radiant sun, and fixed him in his central throne,
The paler moon and ev'ry star that darts is beamy light from far;
To Him, almighty, greatest, best, Jehovah, Lord of hosts confessed,
All victory belongs, all victory belongs.

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

“Day 4: A Wonderful, Balanced World”

Scripture Text: [Genesis 1: 14-19 \(NLT\)](#)

Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵ Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

Music in Preparation for Service

Let All Together Praise Our God

Manz

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smartphone.

[Special Music \(presented by video\)](#)

Cornerstone

Martin and Christine Bass

By Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, William Batchelder Bradbury and Edward Mote



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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Brett Couvillion, Barry Leatherman
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Jane Murphy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father Al Fisher.

- **SAVE THE DATE:** [PW Winter Gathering via Zoom](#) – Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm; speaker Linda Jagiela presents *The Changing Face of Mission in the World*. **ZOOM LINK:** www.zoom.com; **Meeting 811 1846 5581; Passcode: 3P7F0M.**
- **Blanket Sunday**, a special offering sponsored by our Deacons and [Church World Service](#), is Sunday, January 31. Your contributions enable Church World Service to help families around the world stay warm, recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Visit our Events page to watch a short video. To donate, select the drop down from our secure online menu at www.fpcmoorestown.org, or you may mail checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with *Blanket Sunday* noted in the memo line. 
- **Annual Meeting** -- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 at 11:00 am via Zoom webinar. The purpose of the meeting is to share the Annual Report, receive the 2021 church budget, and approve the 2021 pastor's terms of call. [Watch our website, eblast and Events page for the webinar link.](#) The Annual Report will be available Sunday, Jan. 31.
- **Welcome Frantz Constant**, our volunteer seminary intern, who is completing his Masters degree in Divinity with a concentration in Theology from Liberty University. Frantz will be with us until the spring. [Read more about him on our events page.](#)
- **The Journey of Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm.** Worship will be in the sanctuary by LIVE STREAM ONLY. Earlier that day, we will be holding two special drive-through impositions of ashes at 12 noon and 5:00 pm. Participants will drive safely into the main parking lot and be greeted by Stuart or Kelly for prayer and to receive the imposition of ashes or anointing oil, either on the forehead or the back of the hand. Please wear masks. 
- **Lenten Book Study:** For Lent 2021, we'll be reading [The Good and Beautiful Community](#) by James Bryan Smith, a professor and Methodist pastor who has a heart for the church and spiritual formation. The guiding questions Smith asks are: 1) How do we become more authentic Christ-followers, and 2) How do we become a beloved and vital community for others, no matter our differences? Watch for information on signing up for small groups.
- **Annual giving statements** for 2020 have been mailed for tax purposes so watch for yours.