



Sunday, February 7, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday After Epiphany
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #9

9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN. Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (Ephesians 6: 18)

Ideas for Action: On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMTs, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you're stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Arr. Johe

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Melissa McNab, Marion Norcross, Stacy Schaffer, Lissa Herman, Peg Pierce, Barbara Fletcher, Vicki Terry, Martha Eshelman
Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 8)

Luke Maxted

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens and on the earth. We praise you this morning.

**Through the praise of children and infants, you have established
a stronghold against your enemies, to silence all foes.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set into place, what are human beings like us that you care so much?

Lord, you've made us a little lower than you and crowned us with glory and honor. You made us to rule over your creation.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We praise your name. We sing our love using your name. We call upon you today. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession

Frantz Constant

O God our Creator, the earth is full of your creatures; in wisdom you have made us all, and you have delivered us into one another's care, asking that we love one another as you first loved us. But we have fostered discord rather than unity, contempt rather than respect, ignorance rather than love. You know our thoughts and our works, Lord. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Frantz Constant

Our world and our lives, alike broken and scarred, still belong to God.

With the whole creation we wait for that day when God will set right what is wrong and God will be all in all. Amen.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

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Offertory Music

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. Maggs

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Melissa McNab, Marion Norcross, Stacy Schaffer, Lissa Herman, Peg Pierce, Barbara Fletcher, Vicki Terry, Martha Eshelman
Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Sermon

Luke Maxted

"Day 6: A Wonderful World and You Belong In It"

Scripture Text: [Genesis 1: 24-31 \(NLT\)](#)

²⁴Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁵God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” ²⁷So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, birds in the sky, and small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened. ³¹Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

Solo

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual, Arr. Althouse

Charlotte Lemaire, Soprano
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

The Lord's Supper

Stuart Spencer

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music in Preparation for Service

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. Larson

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Luke Maxted

Those in the sanctuary 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 smart phone.

Special Music (presented by video)

I Just Need You

Dennis Palma, Martin Bass and Christine Bass
Words and music by Toby Mac

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Carol Morgan and Debbie Heller
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Leonard Fitts, Gary Bender, James Clinton, Michael Welch
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Kevin and Kim Friel in loving memory of Kevin's father Bill Friel

- **We welcome guest preacher** Luke Maxted to our worship service this morning. Luke is a fellow at UrbanPromise and a graduate of the London School of Theology. Luke studied at London School of Theology where he earned a degree in Theology and completed a research Masters on God as Father in Matthew's Gospel. Since graduating he has worked as a pastor in a Baptist church in London and an Anglican church in the suburbs of London where he specialized in ministry with children and families. Luke is married to Kelly and they have two sons, Reuben (8) and Judah (5). He is a fellow at UrbanPromise International with Kelly and they plan to launch the UK's first UrbanPromise when they return home.
- **Annual Meeting** -- Our Annual Meeting is TODAY at **11:00 am** via Zoom webinar. Find the webinar info on our eblast, online events page and website. The Annual Report is available electronically and was distributed via eblast January 31st. *There is no Sunday School on February 7 due to the meeting.*
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- **Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday.** This year, we will offer special **"Ashes on the Go" events** for imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 5:00 pm. Participants will drive safely into the main parking lot and be greeted for prayer and, if desired, the imposition of ashes or oil. Please wear masks. **NEW:** Deacons will also be collecting food for local food pantries in a contact free drop off. That evening, Beth Douglass preaches at our Worship Service at 7:00 p.m., which will be by live stream only (no in-person participation).
- **Lenten Book Study:** During Lent 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. How do we become more authentic Christ-followers? How do we become a beloved and vital community for others, no matter our differences?
 - SIGN UP online: (<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/groups/lent-book-groups-2021>). See details on online events page, website and eblast.
 - **Signs ups began Friday, Feb. 5;** groups begin Sunday, Feb. 21 via Zoom or safely in-person.
 - Contact Kelly LePenske or Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688 to sign up or to purchase a copy of the hardcover book for \$12.
- **Inquirers Class Wed. March 3 (7:00-8:30 pm) and Saturday, March 6 (8:30-10:30 am)** via Zoom, led by Pastor Stuart for those who want to learn about FPC Moorestown and potentially join our congregation. [See our events page and website.](#)