



Sunday, February 21, 2021 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #11

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday School. Show a genuine interest in others.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15: 7)

Ideas for Action: Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name and a smile of welcome. Pave the way for new friendships wherever you are.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

The Ten Commandments

Frantz Constant

Music in Preparation for Worship

The King of Love

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

Frantz Constant

Jesus Christ, you come to meet us and remake us in the image of God:

Shine in the darkness of our fear, our sadness, and our sin.

Jesus Christ, Water of Life, you know our thirsts:

Lead us to the deep waters of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ, Friend of the poor, you come to turn the world upside down:

Open in us the doors of simplicity so that we can humbly welcome you.

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Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:

Show us how to become children again—trusting and open to you. We come now to worship and adore God forever!

Prayer of Adoration

Frantz Constant

Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

Time for Personal Confession

Kyrie

Sam Scheibe, Baritone

Gregorian Chant

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Stuart Spencer

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! In Christ we are forgiven and freed from all that holds us back and keeps us captives of sin.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old life has gone; a new life has begun.

We know that we are forgiven and are at peace. Amen.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Frantz Constant

*Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. These offerings allow us to fully support our staff and honor commitments to mission partners during the pandemic. **Thank you** to all who have signed up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or are giving directly through the [Church Center app](#) for tithes and offerings. Please help us meet our Per Capita obligation by giving online or returning the blue envelope that was recently mailed to you.*

Offertory Music

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Berger

Soprano: Janet Wilkie, Grace Rykaczewski, Elizabeth Litton; Alto: Gwen Wilkie and Karen Molloy;

Tenor: Fernando Mancillas and Luke Wroblewski; Bass: Frank Mitchell and James Harris

Sam Scheibe, Director

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. – Psalm 145:15,16

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

“A Bunch of Weirdos”

Scripture Text: [1 Peter 2: 4-10 \(NLT\)](#)

From Chapter 1, *The Good and Faithful Community*: “The Peculiar Community”

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. Maggs

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

Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

*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)

Someone’s Crying

Martin Bass

Martin Bass, vocalist

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller
Ushers:	Steve Connlain, Greg Connlain, Jen Allen, Dave Barr, Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Al and Joyce Wenzke in honor of the special women in our lives: both mothers Rita VonDuhn and Mae Wenzke; Joe's mother-in-law Naomi Ervin; and Joyce's sister Betti Wahl

- **Lenten Book Study:** During Lent small groups are 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 are OPEN!** 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** 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](#) to register or call Alison in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113.
 - Wed. March 3 (7:00-8:30 pm) via Zoom
 - Saturday, March 6 (8:30-10:30 am) via Zoom
 - Sunday, March 7 (11 am) members will meet with Session via Zoom
 - **Per Capita giving** is underway. Please help us meet our Per Capita obligation by giving online or returning the blue envelope that was recently mailed to you.
 - **Holy Week and Easter Schedule** ([See our events page and website](#))
 - **Palm Sunday Sunday, March 28:** 8:30 a.m. outdoor morning service (weather permitting); 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary live stream service as we herald Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing are returned this Sunday as a Lenten offering.
 - **Maundy Thursday April 1:** Worship at 7:00 p.m. with the Lord's Supper; Beth Douglass preaches this meaningful service of the Last Supper. Outdoor drama.
 - **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship April 2:** Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 p.m.; Frantz Constant preaching. Tenebrae features a gradual extinguishing of candles and "strepitus" or "loud noise" taking place in the darkness
 - **Easter Schedule of worship.** He is Risen!
 - 6:30 a.m. worship at the Cemetery Cross, Lord's Supper
 - 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)
 - 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship (live stream only)