



Sunday, February 28, 2021 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #12

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12: 27)

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes [on our website](#) to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

The Ten Commandments

Kelly LePenske

Music in Preparation for Worship

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Joel Krott, Organ

Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Frantz Constant

Holy God, you created us in your image to be people who walk by faith.

Because of your strength and mercy, we can live by faith despite life's difficulties.

Lord Jesus, you came not to judge, but to save the world, giving everyone life-altering hope.

Because of your life, death and resurrection, we are freed from doubt and fear.

Holy Spirit, you breathe divine wisdom into our hearts and minds, nudging us toward deeper love.

Because of your presence, we can become more like Jesus, day by day.

Blessed Trinity, what gifts you freely give us! Let us walk in faith, embody hope, and practice love!

Prayer of Adoration

Frantz Constant

Call to Confession

Kelly LePenske

Time for Personal Confession

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Moravian Litany

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Fernando Mancillas, Tenor; Frank Mitchell, Bass
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, hear us.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Kelly LePenske

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

Friends, hear Paul's assurance to the Colossian church hundreds of years ago. They're as true for us today as the day they were written: "God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Yes, God has rescued us because God delights in us! In Jesus Christ we have hope and abundant life. May our lives reflect our gratitude, our hope, and our joy, which comes from our Lord and Savior today, tomorrow and forever more. Amen!

Solo

The Wonders of the Universe

Cesti

Gwen Wilkie, Alto
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

O maker of the universe, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth! For Thou alone hast set Thy glory in the skies. When I behold Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, O Lord, what is man that Thou art mindful of Him? For Thou, Lord, hast made him little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor.

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

Frantz Constant

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

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Offertory Music

Like a River in my Soul

American Melody, Arr. Osiek

Soprano: Leah Rykaczewski, Grace Rykaczewski, Janet Wilkie; Alto: Barbara Adams, Alexandra Fields, Gwen Wilkie; Tenor: Fernando Mancillas and Sam Scheibe; Bass: Frank Mitchell and Ivan Woods
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, soothing river calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again, you shall rise!
I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.

Sermon

Kelly LePenske

"Riding the Wave"

Scripture Text: [Colossians 1: 3-14 \(NRSV\)](#)

Chapter 2 from *The Good and Beautiful Community*: "The Hopeful Community"

Music in Preparation for Service

Trumpet Fanfare

Mouret

Joel Krott, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Kelly LePenske

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 \(presented by video\)](#)

It Is Well

Charles Bass, Christine Bass, Martin Bass, Ben Eley, Susan Eley, vocalists

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:	Dave Rebuck, Leonard Fitts, Gary Bender, James Clinton, Michael Welch
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Ramage
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Jane Murphy in loving memory of her mother Ruth Fisher.

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- **Lenten Book Study:** During Lent small groups are reading [*The Good and Beautiful Community*](#) by James Bryan Smith. How do we become more authentic Christ-followers? How do we become a beloved and vital community for others, no matter our differences? **See details on online events page, website, eblast.**
 - SIGN UP: (<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/groups/len-ten-book-groups-2021>).
 - **Yes, you can still join.** Groups began Sunday, Feb. 21 via Zoom or safely in-person. Contact Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688 to sign up or purchase a copy of the 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:** Please help us meet our Per Capita obligation by giving online or returning the blue envelope that was mailed to you **by February 28.**
- **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 service heralding 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)

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