



Sunday, April 4, 2021 ~ Easter

11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, live stream only)

Way of the Week #17

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for “real” people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don’t hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Ideas for Action: This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Rigaudon

Sam Scheibe, Director

Campra

Entrara Festiva

Joel Krott, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ
Brass Ensemble

Peeters Op. 93

Easter Greeting (presented by video)

Ella Phillips, Beth Douglass

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the Good News—the grave is empty. Jesus is alive forevermore.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the Good News—the light shines in darkness; and the darkness can never put it out.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the Good News—once we were no people. Now we are God’s people.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is our peace, indescribable peace we now share with one another.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God.

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Adult Choir Ensemble

Charles Wesley

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Kelly LePenske

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Kelly LePenske

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Lord, bring us new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and when we have been wounded and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kelly LePenske

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, offers forgiveness to all today. When our regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thank you, God! We believe you and we love you. Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Gloria Patri

Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Palestrina

*Gloria patri et filio
Et Spiritui sancto. Amen*

Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem

Haec est dies

Jacob Handl

Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Haec est dies,
Quam fecit Dominus:
Exultemus et laetemur in ea.
Alleluia.*

This is the day,
that the Lord has made:
Exult and be glad in it.
Alleluia.

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

Frantz Constant

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

*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 mark "Easter offering" on checks mailed to the church or given through the offering plate for your holiday offering. Electronic givers may use the convenient drop down for Easter Offering.***

Offertory Music

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Vaughan Williams/Wolfe

Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

REFRAIN: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom on death.

All the fair beauty of earth from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns:

REFRAIN

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death, new life you give to us all:

REFRAIN

Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being,
Light that enlightens us all, life that in all may abide:

REFRAIN

Praise to the giver of good! O Lover and Author of concord,
Pour out your balm on our days; order our ways in Your peace:

REFRAIN

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"Go and Tell Peter"

Scripture Text: [Mark 16: 1-8 \(NLT\)](#)

Affirmation of Faith *(presented by video)*

Ella Phillips, Beth Douglass

This is the Good News that we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day. He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, then to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the anointed One of God, the Firstborn of all creation, the Firstborn from the dead, in Whom all things hold together, in Whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, and by the cross, reconciles all things to God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Nehlybel

Brass Ensemble
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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.

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass
Brass Ensemble:	Jonathan Shaw, Trumpet 1; Diana Wensley, Trumpet II; Matthew Gould, Trombone 1; Russel Mehrtens, Trombone II; Charles Ross, Percussion

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given with love by the members and friends of FPC Moorestown in honor of and in memory of those they hold dear. ***Please see insert in Connections.***

Live Stream Check-In -- In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App. (At this time, Check-in is not available on the computer.) It just takes a few seconds. When watching the live stream from anywhere on Sunday morning:

1. Open the Church Center App on your phone or device. Select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right).
2. Tap the service you are viewing
3. Check in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching.

NEXT WEEK: Return to Two Services -- Beginning on Sunday, April 11, we will return to two worship services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). Sunday School for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade will move to 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

NEW! Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – A joint, virtual study with the Converge Church coming in June, **Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** FPC Moorestown and the Converge Church, a multicultural congregation in Moorestown will join together for a four-week study of the book, *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. We can look at color, class and culture in a positive way. That's "gracism." Pastor David Anderson, Senior Pastor of the Bridgeway Community Church, invites followers of Jesus to respond to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism, radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Our joint study allows for our two congregations to study, listen, share, and pray together while beginning or building friendships. Visit our website to learn more. For additional information on Gracism, visit the website: Gracism: www.embracegracism.com.

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