



Sunday, November 21, 2021 ~ Christ the King/Reign of Christ

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #25

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Plan a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Now Thank We All Our God

Joel Krott, Organ

Callahan

*Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

Give thanks to the LORD!
Praise His name!

Tell the whole world what He has done — His mighty acts on our behalf.

Sing to the LORD, for He has done wonderful things for us!

Raise your hearts and voices! Shout and sing your praise! Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 374

Now Thank We All Our God

Gwen Wilkie, soloist; Joel Krott, Organ

Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Anthem

Thankful

Mark Burrows

Choristers; Juliet Barton, Soloist; Carol Manion, Piano

For the little bird that sings, for the joy that gives me wings, I'm thankful.

For the gentle rain you send, for the kindness of a friend, I'm thankful.

Refrain: For each and every blessing, for all the good You do, O Lord of all, I'm thankful for You.

For the acorn, for the tree, for the love of family, I'm thankful.

Refrain: For each and every blessing, for all the good You do, O Lord of all, I'm thankful for You.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies;

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

Refrain: For each and every blessing, for all the good You do, O Lord of all, I'm thankful for You.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

*THANK YOU for your faithful giving. **We give thanks for you.** Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app too.*

Offertory Music

Every Good Gift

James M. Stevens

Chapel Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Every good gift comes from God.

Trust His word and walk by faith, by faith and not by sight. He is the giver of Every good gift. In Him we will delight.

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Do not be deceived by sin, for God is always right. There is no shadow of turning in Him. He is the Lord of light.

Every good gift comes from God.

We will come into his presence with songs of highest praise. He is the giver of grace and mercy and His love we proclaim.

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Sermon

Stuart Spencer

“The Liars Club”

Scripture Text: [Jeremiah 29: 15-23 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon Series: A Letter for Exiles

Hymn #53

Let All Things Now Living

Gwen Wilkie, soloist; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living Give Praise and Thanksgiving

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Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen DeCou and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-In Volunteers:	needed
Interim Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given in honor of Laurie Valora and Matthew Gravel's wedding at FPC Moorestown November 20, 2021 and in memory of Peggy Jane Jones by Nancy Goodyear Baish and Margaret Anne Valora. Today's Harvest tablescape was created by Fran Green and Stacy Schaffer in blessing of the bounty of the season.

TODAY our traditional Thanksgiving postcards are in the worship guides. Pick up one or two to send to those special people who have touched your life. Return in the offering plate for the church to mail (must include the address) or mail on your own.

Last week (November 14) was Deacon Sunday. Thank you for your support of this board of ministry. If you did not get a chance to include your offering, you may use the online giving drop down for Deacon Sunday or return checks with Deacon Sunday in the memo line.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule – Wed. Nov. 24: no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or middle school youth group. Nov. 25 and Nov. 26: church office and preschool are CLOSED. Sun. Nov. 28; Sunday School, nursery care and adult education as scheduled; no high school youth group. Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving.

Poinsettia Sales will be Nov. 21, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. Look for [order forms online](#) and at church. Plants are \$15 each and orders are due by Dec. 5. Poinsettias will be placed in our worship spaces on Manger Sunday Dec. 12.

The Deacons have organized a convenient [online gift drive](#) through YouGive Goods to provide much needed items to local families this holiday season. Visit yougivegoods.com/fpcm2021 to go to our personalized page where you can “shop” their Wish List of cold weather accessories, clothing, games and books. Items will be delivered directly to the Christian Caring Center and distributed to those in need this December. **Please complete online gift purchases by Monday, Nov. 29.**

Advent Devotional: Give yourself the gift of God's presence in your life this Advent. Join us as we read *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*, a collection of writings from classic and contemporary Christians. Order your copy online at amazon.com. A limited number of copies are available in the church office for \$12. Readings are Nov. 24-Jan. 7, 2022. The First Sunday in Advent is November 28th.

Watch for our **Advent program guide** detailing the events and activities of this special season of Waiting.

Longest Night Service will be held **Sunday, Dec. 12** at 7:00 p.m. to provide peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression who may not feel the holiday joy. Seminary intern Paul Savage preaches. If you have someone you would like us to invite, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office so we may send them an invitation letter.

NEW! High School Winter Retreat to Lake Champion January 21-23, 2022. Register ONLINE **by November 30**, check out the current event page and website. \$150 per person, grades 9-12; reconnect with God and each other