



**Sunday, January 2, 2022 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

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

\*please stand as you are able

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### Welcome and Work of God's People

Wes Allen

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### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### ***Pastoral Symphony***

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Handel

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### Introit

#### ***Christ is the World's Light***

Adult Choir; Gwen Wilkie, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Paris Antiphoner

Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other;  
Born in our darkness, He became our brother-  
If we have seen Him, we have seen the father; Glory to God in high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;  
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;  
Give God the glory, God within our brother: Glory to God on high!

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### \*Call to Worship

Wes Allen

## \*Prayer of Adoration

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### Hymn No. 193 (verse 1, 4)

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#### ***O Love, How Deep, How Broad***

Sam Scheibe, Baritone; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## Call to Confession

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Stuart Spencer

### Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

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What is confession?

**An unburdening, a letting go, and telling the truth about ourselves.**

To whom do we confess?

**We confess to the One we call God, our Creator, our Redeemer. We confess to the One Who loves us.**

What do we confess this day?

**We confess the wrong we have done and the hurt we have caused. We confess the good we have not done and the sin we have not claimed. We confess that we live for ourselves and less like Jesus.**

Let us now make our silent confession.

*Time for silent prayers of confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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New every morning is God's love for us, and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## Way of the Week #6

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**6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN.** Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

**Ideas for Action:** Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

## Anthem

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### ***Mary's Lament***

Bert Carlson

Adult Choir; Mike Martin, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

I see Him, radiant and warm, I see Him innocence just born.

I see His hand held up with love to me, I see His face and know what he must be.

Does He know? Was He told of His fate? Does He know how they will kill Him with hate?

O little One, O sleep, my little Son, one day I'll weep.

## Prayer of Intercession

Wes Allen

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## Offertory

Wes Allen

*THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church as we begin a new year in ministry. Your offerings dramatically impact our abilities, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. 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

### ***He Shall Feed His Flock***

Handel

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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### ***“New Clothes for a New Year”***

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 5: 1-11 (page 235 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

## The Lord's Supper

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Please pick up your communion serving upon entering the sanctuary. Kindly dispose of cups in the trash containers as you exit. If you are watching the live stream, please have a communion serving for each person who is worshipping with you.*

## Hymn #185 (verse 5)

### ***We Three Kings of Orient Are***

Frank Mitchell, Bass; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## Music in Preparation for Service

### ***Tidings of Joy***

Handel/Jordan

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:

Harris E. Ransom

Live Video Streaming:

Harris A. Ransom

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Carol Morgan and Carol Benner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Mike Ramage
<b>Check-In Volunteers:</b>	Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz
<b>Interim Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by Lynn, Nick and Deanna Miceli to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lynn's parents Dr. Dean and Jessie Gray and her brother Scott.

## Work of God's People

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- PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Spencer will be away from the church from Monday, January 3 through Friday, January 7. In his absence, Pastor Wes Allen is available to provide pastoral care.
- **Please remember the church in your year-end donations.** Gifts for the year 2021 may be received through **January 2, 2022**. Christmas offering donations may be submitted online, by check or by using Christmas Green envelopes in boxed sets. *Checks must be dated no later than December 31 please.*
- **Donate to tornado relief** through Samaritan's Purse. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mail to the church, noting "Tornado Relief" in the memo line.
- **NEW: Submit an online prayer request** to the Prayer Committee. Visit the prayer page on the website at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer> to share your prayer request with the prayer team.
- We conclude the Season of Advent with a special **Epiphany Concert** on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Choristers, Chapel Choir, Adult Choir and Bell Choir. The concert will also be live streamed at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream).
- **Fostering a Spirit of Reconciliation** – Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead a 6-week study on The Confession of Belhar. The study will meet in person at the Spencer's home on **Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-8:30 PM. The remaining classes will be offered via Zoom, with the final session in person. The Confession of Belhar emerged out of apartheid South Africa in 1986 and was adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a confession of faith in 2016. Belhar testifies to the unity, reconciliation and justice of Jesus Christ and the church's responsibility in bearing witness to this in the world. It is the hope of Dr. Spencer and Rev. Allen that this study will promote constructive conversations around issues of race, gender, and ability. [SIGN UP via Church Center](#) as space is limited to 8 people.
- **CREDO Confirmation class** begins Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sign up online.
- **PW Winter Gathering** -- On Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m., Kelly Maxted will be our speaker in Miller Commons and also via live stream ([www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream)). The program, "When God says, 'Go!'", will tell about her faith journey. Kelly and her husband, Luke are currently Fellows at UrbanPromise Camden. They are preparing to answer God's call to found UrbanPromise London. Luke is also currently working with our middle school youth program.
- Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone and Middle School Group are off until Wednesday, Feb. 2. High School Youth Group returns Sunday, January 30, 2022.
- COMING: **Winter Inquirer's Class** for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>. [Sign up online](#) or with the church office at (856) 235-1688.