



## Sunday, December 5, 2021 ~ Second Week in Advent

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

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Trzeciak Family

Steve and Tamara Trzeciak, Isabel, Bethany, and Jonathan Trzeciak

### Way of the Week #2

2. **SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

**Ideas for Action:** Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### **Tallis Canon and Variations**

Carol Manion, Piano

T. Tallis, arr. Caponegro

### Introit

#### **When I Pray**

#### **God is Very Near**

Primary Choir; Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Ingham

Watlington

## \*Call to Worship (based on Luke 1: 69-70)

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Paul Savage

God raised up a mighty savior for us,  
**As God spoke through the prophets,**  
God showed mercy promised to our ancestors;  
**God remembered the holy covenant.**  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
**the dawn from on high will break upon us,**  
To give light to those in the shadow of death,  
**to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**  
May we follow the Way of Christ Jesus  
**Let us worship our mighty savior!**

## Hymn No. 359 (verses 1 & 3)

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***O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ***

Gwen Wilkie, soloist; Joel Krott, Organ

## Prayer of Adoration

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Paul Savage

## Call to Confession

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Rev. Wes Allen

## Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

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Eternal God, we confess that we're still not ready. We haven't done all we can to be ready for Your reign on earth as it is in heaven. We have procrastinated and delayed, and at other times simply forgot who we are and who You are in our lives. Call us into noticing this moment, this time of Advent, this season of preparation. Help us to recall that You are Eternal and always with us, and remind us to set aside a moment and prepare our hearts and minds for You. We can make the time to allow Your peace to enter in and reign in our hearts. We can find the way. Eternal One, guide us in this season of Advent, of watching and waiting, signs that You are doing something new in our world and in our lives, right now.

*Time for silent prayers of confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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God calls out to us from the wilderness of our lives, from the places that are tangled and full of shadows. God calls out to us and leads us in the way of peace. Listen to God call your name, and know that you are loved. Listen to God's voice, and know that you are forgiven. Listen to God's proclamation, and know there is new life, restored life, now. Go and live into the Good News.

**Hallelujah, amen!**

## Solo

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***To a Virgin Meek and Mild***

Gwen Wilke, Alto; Joel Krott, Organ

Spanish Carol

## Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*THANK YOU for your faithful giving. 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

### ***Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Light***

Bedford

Junior Choir; Nancy Bender, Piano

Come, Lord Jesus, be our light, as we burn this candle bright.  
Fill our hearts with love and cheer, as we await your advent here.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, by your presence will we be blest.  
Fill our hearts with love and cheer, as we await your advent here.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our peace, that our joy may never cease.  
Fill our hearts with love and cheer, as we await your advent here.

## Sermon

Rev. Allen

### ***"Have You Seen The Light?"***

Scripture Text: [John 1: 1-18, 9:5 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon Series: What Are You Waiting For?

## The Lord's Supper

Rev. Allen

The Invitation to the Table  
The Words of Institution  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Hymn #360 (verse 2)

### ***By Influence of the Light Divine***

Gwen Wilkie, soloist; Joel Krott, Organ

## Music in Preparation for Service

### ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

arr. Ryan

Bell Choir (Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab,  
Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry  
Kathy Gunsallus, Director

## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Miller, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Paul Lewis
<b>Check-In Volunteers:</b>	Paul Gordon
<b>Interim Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe
<b>Advent Wreath Lighting:</b>	Steve and Tamara Trzeciak; Isabel, Bethany and Jonathan Trzeciak

**Today's flowers** are given in loving memory of Evan Michael Welch by Joan and Michael Welch: 'Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.'

## Work of God's People

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**Poinsettia Orders** are due to the church office **Sunday, Dec. 5**. Look for [order forms online](#) and in *Connections*. Plants are \$15 each. Poinsettias will be placed in our worship spaces on Manger Sunday Dec. 12. If you ordered plant(s) you may pick them up December 12.

**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](https://www.amazon.com) (office copies may be delayed). Readings are Nov. 24-Jan. 7, 2022.

Pick up a copy of the **2021 Advent program guide** detailing the events and activities of this special season of Waiting. Or download yours from our website or current events page.

**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.

**The Alternative Gift Market Catalog** is available ONLINE and at church December 5, 12 and 19. Gifts begin at \$5.00 and feature a broad range to assist our ministries. Visit the tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby to purchase your alternative gifts. Online orders, cash or checks please (checks made payable to FPC Moorestown). Or pick up your gifts at a contact free pickup.

**Manger Sunday is December 12<sup>th</sup>** -- In one of our congregation's many beautiful traditions, members are invited to bring **unwrapped** gifts to church on Sunday, December 12th for our Manger Sunday presentation. Upon entering the Sanctuary or Miller Commons, please place the unwrapped gifts in the manger where they will be blessed by the pastors during worship. That day, gifts will be taken to [Oaks Integrated Care](#) for their clients and families to use as gifts for their own families. For those NOT attending services, gifts may be dropped off between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at a contactless drop at the Blessing Box.

**Please remember the church in your year-end donations.** Process stock gifts expediently by contacting your broker or [Norman Vandergrift](#) at 856-235-1688, Ext. 112.

**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.