



Friday, December 24, 2021 ~ Christmas Eve

10:45 p.m. Carol Concert/11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship (Sanctuary)

*please stand as you are able

Welcome

Stuart Spencer

Chapel Choir Carol Concert (10:45 p.m.)

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During our worship, please refrain from applause. Receive the gift!

In Silence We Wait
Chime Music
Lute Book Lullaby
Born to Set Us Free
Andalusian Carol

Larson
Old French Canon
Lau
Althouse
Arr. Nienow

Chapel Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Youth: Harris Ransom, Jackie Grant, Sophie Wilt, Kaitlyn Eagles, and Alivia Nawrocki

continued

*Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

Let us gather in the memory that God has visited us in Christ.

Yes, the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Let us hold fast to the faith that brings us salvation.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever!
Amen.**

*Hymn No. 146 (verses 1, 3)

Joy to the World

Adult Choir

Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

First Lesson

Alivia Nawrocki

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (page 638 Pew Bible OT)

Lift Up Your Heads

Caroline Scheibe, Alto; Sam Scheibe, Piano

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates. Behold the King of glory waits.
The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!
Redeemer, come, I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Second Lesson

Wes Allen

Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 640 Pew Bible OT)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sam Scheibe, soloist

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of Hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Third Lesson

Gary Bender

Luke 1:26-38 (page 56 Pew Bible NT)

I Sing of a Maiden

Adult Choir; Janet Wilkie, Soprano

Gore

continued

Fourth Lesson

Mike Anderson

Matthew 1:18-25 (page 1 Pew Bible NT)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (verses 1, 2)

Lauren Clark, Alto

Fifth Lesson

Jim Cole

Luke 2: 1-7 (page 58 Pew Bible NT)

Child Jesus Came to Earth This Day

Adult Choir

Gade

Sixth Lesson

Jess Zorn

Luke 2: 8-20 (page 58 Pew Bible NT)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Adult Choir

French Carol

Seventh Lesson

Harris Ransom

Matthew 2: 1-12, 16 (page 2 Pew Bible NT)

The Coventry Carol

Adult Choir

Arr. Shaw

Christmas Offering

Wes Allen

THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church in your year-end giving. Your 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. Throughout December, donations for our Christmas offering may be submitted online, by check or by using the special Christmas Green envelopes.

There is a New Creation

Adult Choir; Sam Scheibe, Director

White

Eighth Lesson

Stuart Spencer

John 1: 1-14 (page 91 Pew Bible NT)

Christmas Eve

Adult Choir

English Carol

Meditation

Stuart Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

*Hymn No. 164 (verses 1, 3; please put masks on for carol)

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent Night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Benediction

Rev. Spencer

You are invited to keep your candle and take it home as a reminder of the light of God's love.

Following worship, candles may be deposited in the boxes at the exit doors.

Ushers:	Gary Bender, John Miller, Barry Leatherman
Sound Technician:	Harris Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Harris Ransom
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Property Staff:	Steve Margerum and Sam Caraballo



- The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 28 for the Christmas holiday. The church office will be open December 29, 30 and 31. Warmest wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas from the staff at First Presbyterian Church.
- Worship on Sunday, December 26 will be one combined worship service at **9:30 a.m.** There will be no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School that day.
- We conclude the Season of Advent with a special Epiphany Concert on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Choristers, Chapel Choir and Adult Choir. The concert will also be live streamed at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream.