



Friday, December 24, 2021 ~ Christmas Eve
8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary, masks required)

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

In Silence We Wait

Larson

Chapel Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Vicki and Jack Terry

Hymn No. 146 (verses 1 & 3)

Joy to the World

Sam Scheibe, Baritone; Joel Krott, Organ

Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

Christmas Liturgy

Brian Gaskill

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
People: **All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, is God the Lord, the Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.
People: **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and they beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Lauren Clark: *King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.*

Leader: For the law was given by Moses.
People: **But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**
Leader: No one hath seen God at any time.
People: **The only begotten Son, Who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.**

Sam Scheibe: *And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love; For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above, and He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.*

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. He was in the world and the world knew Him not. He came unto his own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the children of God, even to them that believe in His name: born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God.
People: **He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. He upholdeth all things by His power, being the brightness of God's glory, and the express image of His person.**

Gwen Wilkie: *Then why should we on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
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when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
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"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."*

Leader: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, and good will toward all men and women!
People: **Glory be to Thee, Lord God our Father, in that Thou has chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the foundation of the world.**

Leader: Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be His children.
People: **Thou has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Let us be wise men and women as we, with one accord, sing praise to thee, our Lord, Amen.**

Hymn No. 171 (verses 1, 3)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Gwen Wilkie, soloist; Joel Krott, Organ

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 pew envelopes.

Offertory

Lute Book Lullaby

Chapel Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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Gospel Reading

Scripture Text: Matthew 4: 7-12 (page 3 Pew Bible NT)

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Meditation

"Imagine Light"

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Anthem

Born To Set Us Free

Chapel Choir; Kathy Gunsullas, Piano

Althouse

The Lord's Supper

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

Wes Allen

Individually wrapped communion elements may be found in each pew. Carefully unwrap the serving unit of a wafer and grape juice provided for you, and partake in the Lord's Supper. The wrapping may be put in the plastic bag and left in the pew.

Christmas Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer ('debts')

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

Stuart Spencer

Following worship candles may be deposited in boxes at the exit doors. You are invited to keep your candle and take it home as a reminder of the light of God's love.

8:30 p.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Brett Couvillion, Tom Samuel
Soloists:	Lauren Clark, Cali Barton, Gwen Wilkie
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 7:30 p.m. featuring the Choristers, Chapel Choir and Adult Choir. The concert will also be live streamed at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream.