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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



Sunday, January 9, 2022 ~ Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others, and consider how to use their ideas.

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one Body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." (Ephesians 4:3–4)

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: Seek out someone from a different background, culture or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 34:1-8)

Rev. Spencer

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; and He delivered me from all my fears.

Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was save from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him."

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Songs of Praise Worship Team

1,000 Names Raise a Hallelujah

Call to Confession Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Allen

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave up everything to come down from heaven in order to love and serve us. Unlike You, we find self-sacrifice hard. Most of us look for ways to puff ourselves up so that we look better in other people's eyes. We fool ourselves into thinking that we can make ourselves look good in Your eyes, too. Send us Your Spirit that we would be more humble. We long to be like You, our loving Shepherd, and we thank You for hearing our prayers as we continue to confess in silence...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Allen

"Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us." The Good News is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah, Amen!

<u>Baptism</u>

Rev. Spencer & Elder Pete Honeyford

Baptism of Hailey Jane Brady

Parents: Katelyn & Matt Brady

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Worship Team

Offertory Rev. Spencer

THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church as we begin a new year in ministry. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry and allow us to support church operations and our work around the world. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u>. Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too.

Praise Song Worship Team

The Anthem

Sermon Rev. Allen

The Jesus Selfie

Scripture Text: Philippians 2:1-11 (NLT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

Closing Song Worship Team

Almighty

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio: Taylor Adair
Livestream: Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals: Alice Conley

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-

Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Carol Morgan and Fran Green Ushers: Greg and Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Adrienne Barr Check-in: Vicki Terry

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry Knowles by Lucy.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

<u>New Protocols</u>: Effective December 12, Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols effective immediately. **Masks are REQUIRED during Worship Services.** Congregational singing remains discontinued; singers are masked. We will not serve nor eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

<u>Epiphany Concert</u> will be held on Sunday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. The Adult, Bell and Chapel Choirs as well as the Choristers will sing carols, songs, and anthems of the season.

<u>PW Winter Gathering</u>: On Monday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m., Kelly Maxted will be our speaker in Miller Commons (also via live stream (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. They are preparing to answer God's call to found UrbanPromise London.

Lenten Prayer Retreat - March 15-18: Pastor Spencer leads a four-day, three-night Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery (NY), an Episcopal community of faith. Join members from FPC Moorestown and friends from other churches for a study of the parable of the Prodigal Son and lots of time for rest, reflection, and renewal. Save the date and watch for registration information that's coming soon.

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