



Sunday, January 16, 2022 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #8

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week's description: Write a note, visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Joel Krott, Organ

Arr. Rinehart

Introit

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Frank Mitchell, Bass; Joel Krott, Organ

Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone;

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts.

Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God; and we are not.

Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear.

Receive us, for we come to you in his name—we pray in him and with him.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Payne

Call to Confession

Elder Payne

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Lord Jesus, you who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from or inferior to us. We are too full of pride and empty of humility. Forgive us, Lord, we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord builds up the broken, he gathers the outcasts. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord, who is abundant in power. God's understanding is beyond measure. Amen.

Response

Give Me Jesus

Adult Choir; Frank Mitchell, Bass

Spiritual

Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

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

I've Been 'buked

Adult Choir

Hall Johnson

I've been 'buked an' I've been scorned,
Yes, I've been 'buked and I've been scorned, children.

Dere is trouble all over dis worl',
Yes, dere is trouble all over dis worl', children.

Ain' gwine lay my 'ligion down,
No, ain' gwine lay my 'ligion down, children.

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Careful of the Target on Your Back"

Scripture Text: Luke 18: 9-14 (page 81 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

Hymn

Here's One

Janet Wilkie, Soprano

Spiritual

Music in Preparation for Service

Here's One

Joel Krott, Organ

Arr. Rinehart

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
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Barb Wetherill
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Flower Arranger:	Jean Donahue
Flower Deliverers:	Andrew Ehala and Susan Schaffer, Deacons

Today's flowers are given to the the glory of God and with grateful thanks to our educators and health care workers who are working so tirelessly during this Coronavirus pandemic.

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Work of God's People

- Offering envelopes for 2022 and annual giving statements will be mailed in mid-January. Please look for them in your mailbox. You may begin electronic giving at any time. Please contact Norman Vandergrift in the church office with any questions: 856.235.1688, Ext. 112 or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.
- Lorenzo Eagles will be leading an Adult Discovery Bible Study in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. It will be offered hybrid. There will be no adult education January 23 or January 30. Classes will resume February 6th.
- NEW: Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a four-week study on The Four Gospels beginning Sunday, February 6th. The class will meet from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8, and be accessible via Zoom or in person.
- **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.
- **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). 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.
- The church campus will be CLOSED to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 17. Make it a day on, not a day off, in the spirit of Dr. King.
- **Blanket Sunday** -- January 30, our 5th Sunday, is *Blanket Sunday*, a program of the Deacons. Each blanket is \$10 (donate whatever amount you wish) and will provide critical needs for this Church World Service effort. Donate whatever amount you wish. Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with Blanket Sunday in the memo line, use special pew envelopes on online drop down for Blanket Sunday.
- **Save the Date: Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 6 at 12:15 p.m.** The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Watch for the Zoom link.
- COMING: [Winter Inquirer's Class](#) for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, starting February 23rd. [Sign up online](#) or with the church office at (856) 235-1688.
- **Lenten Prayer Retreat, March 15-18, 2022:** Pastor Spencer leads a four-day, three-night retreat at Holy Cross (NY) Monastery, 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 coming soon.
- **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.
- The new year is upon us ... how will you serve the church? Is there something new you'd like to try? Do you want to serve as an usher, prepare snacks for VBS or become a Trustee? Watch for a link to our online Service Pledge in the next weeks, and Jump In.