



## Sunday, January 23, 2022 ~ Third 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

Rev. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #9

**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

**Ideas for Action:** On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMTs, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you're stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*

Layla Joshi, Organ

J.S. Bach BWV 639

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Good morning! Welcome to this sacred place:

**A house of prayer for many people; home to all who enter.**

Welcome, each one, to this gathering place:

**Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, there is room for all.**

Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning, all who hunger, all who thirst for fullness of life.

**Generous God, gracious Jesus, touch us through your Spirit.**

Let us worship God!

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## \*Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

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## Hymn No. 530 (verses 1, 2)

### ***Be Still, My Soul***

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano; Joel Krott, Organ

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## Call to Confession

Wes Allen

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## Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

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## Anthem

### ***God Shall Direct Thy Paths***

Chapel Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Greg Gilpin

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not until thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge God and God shall direct thy paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Be still and know that I am God. - Psalm 46:10

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

Paul Savage

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## 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 (*from L'art de toucher le clavecin*)

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### **Prelude No. 4 in F Major**

Vikram Joshi, harpsichord

François Couperin

## Sermon

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### **"The End of the Civil War"**

Scripture Text: James 4: 1-10 (page 230 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

Rev. Stuart Spencer

## Hymn No. 560 (verses 1, 4)

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### **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

Sam Scheibe, Baritone; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## Music in Preparation for Service (Hymn No. 636)

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### **If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee**

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Bach BWV 542

## Benediction and Going Forth

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Stuart Spencer

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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>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Rebeck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Mike Ramage
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Deacon Jenna Cole
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by Barbara Lewis to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Allen Judson Lewis.

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## Work of God's People

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- Offering envelopes for 2022 have been mailed, and 2021 giving statements will be mailed in mid-January. You may begin electronic giving at any time.
- URGENT: The American Red Cross is searching for donors as the ARC Blood banks are in critical supply. Please schedule a time on Feb. 16, 1-6 PM in Miller Commons to donate your precious blood to literally save someone's life. Thank you for your gift of life. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up today!
- [PW Winter Gathering Monday, January 31 \(7:00 pm\)](#) moved to **ZOOM** to maintain health and safety at this time. Log on to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and enter the Meeting ID: 872 6792 3579 and Passcode: 959782. Speaker is Kelly Maxted, "When God Says Go!" sharing her faith journey and planned UrbanPromise UK.
- **NEWS: The high school winter retreat has been rescheduled for Feb. 18-20, 2022 (President's Day weekend).** Get ready for one of the best weekends of the year to pull back from every day life and reconnect with God. Price is \$150 per person for the weekend. **SIGN UP online by January 20.** Contact high school youth leader Dave Fauvell at 609-980-7885 cell/text or [dfauvell52@gmail.com](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com).
- **Adult Education** -- Lorenzo Eagles leads 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 6<sup>th</sup>. NEW: Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a four-week study on The Four Gospels beginning Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- **Blanket Sunday** -- January 30, our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, is Blanket Sunday, a program of the Deacons. Each blanket is \$10 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 or online drop down for Blanket Sunday.
- **Save the Date: Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 6 at 12:15 p.m.** The meeting will be held via Zoom only. Watch for the Zoom link!
- COMING: [Winter Inquirer's Class](#) for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>. [Sign up online](#) or with the church office at (856) 235-1688. A three-part series.
- [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. [Sign up online](#).
- **Lenten Group Study** – This year we will be reading "The Way of a Pilgrim" by R.M. French, and invite you to sign up online or with the church office for a variety of days and times. It's a great read. Would you like to lead or host a group? Great. Contact Wes Allen or Alison Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688.
- **Service Pledge** -- The new year is upon us ... is there something new you'd like to try? Info coming soon.