



Sunday, January 23, 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Way of the Week

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.

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." (Ephesians 6:18)

Ideas for Action: On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMT's, 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.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Because of Your Love
Forever***

Prayer of Confession *(offered in unison)*

Rev. Allen

Great and gracious God,
For apathy, for meanness, for boredom, for pride, for judgment, for dismissal:
For all those ways we hurt You by hurting each other and ourselves, forgive us. Turn us around to You; heal us, and make us whole, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Allen

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting.
Let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Offertory

Rev. Allen

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 [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too.

Praise Song

Worship Team

Great I Am

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

The End of the Civil War

Scripture Text: [James 4:1-10 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

Closing Song

Worship Team

Lead Me to the Cross

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Paul Savage

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:	Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
Ushers:	Matt La Grou and Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Check-in:	Mike Hock

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

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only 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.

New Protocols: Effective January 12, Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols effective immediately. **All individuals entering our building are required to mask.** This includes all meetings for all groups. Congregational singing remains discontinued. We will not serve nor eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 6 at 12:15 p.m.** via Zoom. The purpose of the Meeting is to share the Annual Reports with members, receive the 2022 church Budget, and approve the Pastors' Terms of Call. Find the webinar info on our e-blast, online Events page, and website. The Annual Report will be available Sunday, Jan. 30.

Blanket Sunday: January 30 is *Blanket Sunday*, a program of the Deacons. Each blanket is \$10 (or whatever amount you wish) and will provide critical needs for this Church World Service effort. Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with Blanket Sunday in the memo line. Use special envelopes or online dropdown for Blanket Sunday.

PW Winter Gathering: On Monday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m., moved **to ZOOM** to maintain health and safety at this time. Log on to www.zoom.com and enter the Meeting ID: 872 6792 3579 and Passcode: 959782. Kelly Maxted will be our speaker. The program, "*When God says, 'Go!'*", will tell about her faith journey.

NEW: Seminary Intern Paul Savage will lead a four-week study on **The Four Gospels** beginning Sunday, February 6. The class will meet from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 8 and also be accessible via Zoom.

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 register online!