



Sunday, January 30, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday, Combined Worship; Blanket Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

There IS nursery care provided today.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prelude in e Minor

Krebs

Layla Joshi (grade 7), Organist

Way of the Week #10

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

Ideas for Action: Is there some task you're doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you're facing.

*Call to Worship (based on James 4:8,10)

Stuart Spencer

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and God will exalt you.

O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.

Help us to be humble and to seek your way.

Let us worship God together.

*Prayer of Adoration

Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual, arr. Leatherman

Junior Choir; Nancy Bender, Piano

I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Gracious God, too often we work hard to carve out a reputation, to find a place of honor in the world. Help us to serve consistently and compassionately so that we may do nothing from selfish ambition, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves. Though we want to enthusiastically support the community of Jesus Christ here, we admit that often other priorities get in the way. Humble us, O God. Give us the courage to act and wisdom to see your path. Lord, we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Moment for Mission

Elise Bates Russell, Executive Director
Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center

Anthem

God is Never Late

Nathan Smith

Choristers; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

God is never late; His timing is perfect.
Though it's hard to wait, you can trust in His care.
God is always faithful, God is good, God is great!
And God is never late.

If you wait on the Lord, you will run and not be weary.
If you wait in the Lord, you will walk and not faint.
If you wait on the Lord, you will rise up like an eagle.

God is never late; His timing is perfect.
Though it's hard to wait, you can trust in His care.
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Commissioning Malawi Mission Team

Wes Allen

Linda Jagiela and Sandy Newhall, Urban Promise trip February 4-27, 2022

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

Wes Allen

Offertory; Blanket Sunday Offering

Wes 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 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

The Great I Am

Anderson Jared Gordan

Contemporary Worship Team

Barry Overton-Drums; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff- piano; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Guitar; Michelle Davis-vocals; Cheryl Stevens-vocals; Ben Eley-vocals; Susan Eley-vocals

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Finding Your Seat at the Table"

Scripture Text: Luke 14: 7-14 (page 77 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

Music in Preparation for Service

Joy

Tony Brown, Pat Barrett

Barry Overton-Drums; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-piano; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Guitar; Michelle Davis-vocals; Cheryl Stevens-vocals; Ben Eley-vocals; Susan Eley-vocals

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	Wendy Dougherty
Check-In Volunteers:	Deacon Bobbi Voglesong
Interim Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given by Jane Murphy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father Alfred Fisher

Work of God's People

- CONGRATULATIONS to Joel Krott on 50 years (!) shepherding our music ministry at FPC Moorestown. If you were unable to be with us for the surprise event on January 23rd, you can watch the tribute on our website at www.fpcmoorestown.org/krott-50.
- **TODAY is Blanket Sunday**, a program of the Deacons. Each blanket is \$10 and provides critical resources for Church World Service. Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with Blanket Sunday in the memo line. Or use special pew envelopes or online drop down for Blanket Sunday.
- [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 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.
- **NEW: [Zoom in Friday Nighters!](#)** Friday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. See our event page for the Zoom link.
- **NEW: Adult Spiritual Formation** --Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a 4-week study on The Four Gospels beginning Sunday, Feb. 6th. The class meets at 9:45 am in Room 8, and is accessible via Zoom or in person. This study is designed to take a wider look at the four Gospels ... Where did they come from? Who wrote them? What are they trying to say? What is their context? Additionally, interpretive tools will be offered to assist with personal Gospel study. Tools that help us approach these stories so that we can better understand what they are trying to tell us. CONTINUING: Lorenzo Eagles continues his study at 9:45 a.m. on the sermon passage (Fellowship Hall, Zoom hybrid). *There is no adult class on January 30 (5th Sunday).*
- **Congregational Meeting Webinar Sunday, February 6 at 12:15 p.m.** The meeting will be held via Zoom only. Find the Zoom link on the current events page and website. Click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82802424815?pwd=VjA3Z1loenZKenAwcnZFRXJSZ1Vudz09;> Passcode: 462490; Webinar ID: 828 0242 4815
- URGENT: There is a critical shortage of blood at this time. The American Red Cross needs you. WE need you! Please schedule a time on **Feb. 16, 1-6 PM** in Miller Commons to donate your precious blood to literally save someone's life. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to sign up today! Thank you for the Gift of Life.
- 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. 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 an inspiring 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.
- **Welcome back!** Our fellowship groups return this week: High School Group returns TONIGHT Jan. 30. Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone and Middle School Group return on Wednesday, Feb. 2.