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Sunday, February 6, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday After Epiphany; Lord's Supper

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 #11

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Oh Lord, Look Down From Heaven Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness Joel Krott, organist

Pachelbel Walther

Introit

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Director

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render Unto Him, Whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded; High o'er all the heaven He reigneth, yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

Cruger

With what shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before God on high? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? God has told you, O mortal, what is good. What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

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Hymn

Humbly I Adore Thee Gwen Wilkie, Alto

> Humbly I adore Thee, Verity unseen, Who Thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean; Lo, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, Tranced as it beholds Thee, shrined within the cloud.

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

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Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and our sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would that they should do to us. Most Gracious God, our heavenly Father, who gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior ...

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on Isaiah 35:10)

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Paul Savage

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David Causes

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 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 <u>automatic withdrawal</u>. Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app too. For Blanket Sunday offerings, please note "Blanket Sunday" in the memo line or use drop down from online giving.

Offertory Music

Blessing and Glory

Adult Choir; Michael Martin, Director

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving, be to our God!I heard a voice, a great voice as of much people saying in heaven: Hallelujah, blessing, glory, honor, pow'r be unto our God!Blessing and glory and thanksgiving, be to our God!

Sermon

"God's Gonna Cut You Down"

Scripture Text: Daniel 4: 34-37 (NRSV) (page 823 Pew Bible OT) Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table The Words of Institution The Prayer of Consecration The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 783 (verse 5)

Here, O My Lord, I See You Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Music in Preparation for Worship

Deck Thyself My Soul With Joy and Gladness Kathy Gunsallus, organist

Benediction and Going Forth

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician: Live Video Streaming: Flower Arrangers: Ushers: Trustee Greeter: Check-In Volunteers: Interim Nursery Caregiver: Harris E. Ransom Harris A. Ransom Stacy Schaffer and Debbie Heller Paul Lewis, Joe Scheideler, Leonard Fitts Patrick McIlroy Deacon Mike McNeil Amy Coombe

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Rachmaninoff

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Today's flowers are given in celebration of Joel Krott and with gratitude for 50 years in music ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

Work of God's People

- Service Pledge This year the Stewardship Committee has created a simple online Service Pledge, for members to indicate ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. There are hundreds of ways to be involved at FPC Moorestown. Where is God leading you? How can you best use the talents God has given you? Continue serving in a current capacity or try something NEW? What means the most? The form is now available ONLINE, allowing members to fill it out at the time that best suits them. It will take just a few minutes. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office at 856.235.1688. Please complete by February 28th.
- <u>Adult Spiritual Formation</u> NEW: 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? **CONTINUING:** Lorenzo Eagles leads a series on the sermon passage at 9:45 am (Fellowship Hall, Zoom hybrid). *Find the Zoom links online on our website current events page or the Church Center app/Events.*
- <u>TODAY: Congregational Meeting Webinar Sunday, February 6 at 12:15 p.m.</u> 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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82802424815?pwd=VjA3Z1loenZKenAwcnZFRXJSZ1Vudz09</u>; Passcode: 462490; Webinar ID: 828 0242 4815
- 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 or have your existing small group follow the study guide? Great. *Contact Wes Allen or Alison Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688.* The Group Study begins the week of Ash Wednesday March 2. Sign ups begin Sunday, Feb. 13.
- Yes, you can still donate for 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.
- 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 <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> to sign up today! Thank you for the Gift of Life.
- 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.
- If you were unable to be with us for the surprise event on January 23rd honoring Joel Krott, watch the tribute on our website at <u>www.fpcmoorestown.org/krott-50</u>.