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# Sunday, February 13, 2022 ~ 6th 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

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**Stuart Spencer** 

#### Way of the Week #12

**12. OWN OUR CHURCH.** The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

**Ideas for Action:** Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

#### **Music in Preparation for Worship**

**Largo** Handel

Joel Krott, organist

\*Call to Worship Paul Savage

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.

We are a people formed by God's mercy and grace.

Let us worship God with gladness and hope.

We worship God for the grace that saves us. Glory to God!

# Hymn No. 429 (verses 1, 4)

#### Let Your Heart Be Broken

Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Joel Krott, Organ

Call to Confession Stuart Spencer

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

For God already knows what lies in our hearts.

Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.

Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.

Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.

And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

Time for silent prayers of confession

# **Assurance of Forgiveness**

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!

#### **Anthem**

Elijah Rock

Spiritual, Arr. Perry

Chapel Choir; Carol Manion, Piano

Refrain: Elijah rock, shout! shout! Elijah rock is a-comin' up, Lord.

Satan's a liar and a conjurer too, just keep lookin' out or he'll conjure you.

If I could, I surely would; just stand on the rock that Moses stood.

Refrain

When temptation comes around; you better find some higher ground.

Don't let yourself be led astray; trust in the Lord to show the way.

Refrain

Wes Allen

# **Offertory & Moment for Lent**

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 <u>automatic withdrawal</u>. Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app too.

# Offertory Music (from Psalm 46:12)

# God is Our Refuge

Wolaver

Choristers; Carol Manion, Piano; Thanvi Pentapalli, Solo

God is our refuge, God is our strength, an ever-present help in trouble. And so we will not fear though the earthquakes rumble, and so we will not fear though the mountains tumble into the sea.

**Sermon** Paul Savage

#### "Feets Don't Fail Me Now"

Scripture Text: John 13: 1-17 (NRSV) (page 107 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

# Hymn No. 568 (verses 1, 2)

# Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated

Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Joel Krott, Organ

#### **Music in Preparation for Worship**

# **Trumpet Fanfare**

Mouret

Joel Krott, organist

# **Benediction and Going Forth**

Paul Savage

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# 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician: Harris E. Ransom Live Video Streaming: Jonathan Nawrocki

Flower Arrangers: Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop

**Ushers:** John Miller, Jack Terry, Barry Leatherman

Trustee Greeter: Bill Mueller

Check-In Volunteers: Deacon Caroline Joyce

**Interim Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by Linda and Philip Jagiela to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Susan Jagiela. Flowers are also donated with love by the Connell Family from yesterday's Celebration of Life of Joyce Connell held in our sanctuary; Rev. Stuart Spencer officiating.

#### **Work of God's People**

- We welcome Seminary Intern Paul Savage to our pulpit today: Paul is currently a student of New
  Testament Biblical Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a native of Michigan and enjoys the
  outdoors, playing sports, reading books, and playing guitar. He is passionate about studying the history
  of the Bible and would like to be a teacher after seminary.
- <u>Service Pledge</u> 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. 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? The form is available <u>ONLINE</u>, allowing members to complete prayerfully. If you need a hard copy, please contact Jan Martin in the church office at 856.235.1688. Please complete by February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Lenten Group Study This year we are 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 in the Commons Lobby.
- Adult Spiritual Formation NEW: Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a 4-week study on The Four Gospels through Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- NEW: Praying the Jesus Prayer with Stuart Spencer via Zoom on Thursdays in Lent from 6:30-7:00 p.m. (March 3-April 7). This prayer is the centerpiece of our Lenten Study, The Way of a Pilgrim. Please register through our Events Page on our website. There's no cost and friends outside the church are most welcome.
- Please schedule a time on Feb. 16, 1-6 PM in Miller Commons to donate your precious blood to literally save someone's life. There is a critical shortage of blood and the American Red Cross needs you. WE need you! Visit <a href="www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> to sign up today and give the Gift of Life.
- 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: Registration Deadline: February 13. 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.
- Watch for a Lent Programming Guide for our busy Lenten and Easter season.
- Malawi Mission Trip -- Follow along with the Malawi Mission trip and pray for our team and missionaries February 4-27. Find the Prayer Guide on our website www.fpcmoorestown.org.