



## Sunday, February 20, 2022 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship?

\*please stand as you are able

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #13

**13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD.** Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

**Ideas for Action:** As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

***Alone to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ***

Pachelbel

Joel Krott, organist

### Introit

***Kyrie***

from the Lutheran Liturgy

Adult Choir; Michael Martin; Tenor; Gwen Wilkie, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## \*Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

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I love you, O Lord my strength, for you are my stronghold, my eternal rock.

**My God: my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.**

I will call upon the Lord, and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

**For sometimes the waves of sin, pride and death roll over me and I am afraid.**

I called upon the Lord in my distress and cried out to God for help. The Lord heard me then and hears us today. Let us worship God!

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

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## Hymn No. 95 (verses 1, 3)

### ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

\*\*\**Late worshippers will be seated*

## Call to Confession

Wes Allen

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## Prayer of Confession

Merciful and mighty God, we admit that we have sinned against you with our thoughts, our words, our deeds and our attitudes. We have not loved you by obeying you. We have not loved others either. We are full of pride and arrogance and we admit that to you freely. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and make us the Christians you desire us to be, so that we may delight in doing your will, walking always in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. In the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Time for silent prayers of confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Today, we are God's forgiven children. We are free now to forsake our wrongs and love one another. Amen.**

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

Paul Savage

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## Offertory & Moment for Lent

Stuart Spencer

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*THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church as we journey through Lent. 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 from your phone via the Church Center app too.*

## Offertory Music

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### ***The Pharisee and the Publican***

Schuetz

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Soloists: Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Michael Martin, Tenor; Frank Mitchell, Bass

Jesus said unto them:

“Two men went to the temple to pray:

The one was a Pharisee, the other a Publican.

The Pharisee stood there and prayed within himself, and the Publican stood afar off, would not so much as lift his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his heart and they said:”

““ I thank Thee, Lord, that I am not as other men are; I thank thee, Lord God””

““God, be merciful to me!””

““I thank Thee, Lord, that I am not as other men are, unjust, extortioners, nor even as this Publican.””

““God, be merciful to me!””

““I fast always twice in the week and give a tenth of all I possess.””

““God, be merciful to me!””

“I say unto you, this man went from thence justified rather than the other. He that exalteth himself, shall be abased: and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

## Sermon

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Stuart Spencer

### ***“Give Me a Gift”***

Scripture Text: Proverbs 15: 29-33 (NRSV) (page 598 Pew Bible OT)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

## Hymn No. 458 (verse 3)

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### ***Lord, Take My Life and Make it Wholly Thine***

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## Music in Preparation for Worship

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### ***Take My Life and Let it Be***

Powell

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## Benediction and Going Forth

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Stuart Spencer

## 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>	Karen Arsenault, Martha Derry (Deliverers: Gail Sorin, JoAnn Reynik)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Adrienne Barr
<b>Check-In Volunteers:</b>	Deacon Janet D’Angelo
<b>Interim Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today’s flowers** are given by Lucille Zitelli to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister Janet Weisman.

## Work of God's People

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- [Service Pledge](#) – The Stewardship & Nominations Committees have 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? The form is available [ONLINE](#), allowing members to complete prayerfully. Hard copies are also available if you prefer (return to the church office or offering box). **Kindly complete by February 28<sup>th</sup>.**
- Our office has prepared a [special Lent Programming Guide](#) detailing activities for this meaningful Lenten and Easter season. Download a copy online or pick one up at church beginning February 20.
- [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 in the Commons Lobby 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 began Sunday, Feb. 13.](#)
- Pick up a copy of “**Grace Unbounded,**” our Lent devotional, for \$3.00 in the church office. *Grace Unbounded* provides daily devotions from Ash Wednesday to Easter from the Gospel of Luke.
- [Ash Wednesday March 2](#) – Safely take part in Drive Through Ashes at 12 noon in our main parking lot. Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm begins the Lent Season. Preaching will be intern Paul Savage.
- [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*. Register through our Events Page on our website. There’s no cost and friends outside the church are most welcome.
- [Adult Spiritual Formation](#) – 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 takes 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.*
- [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.
- Look for mailed information regarding our annual [Per Capita giving](#). As a *connectional church*, this “per member” contribution of \$38.75 per member above one’s pledge supports the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Members are asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and/or their member children (if able). Or you may [submit an “opt out” request](#) if you do NOT wish this portion to be paid. You must alert the church office. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. Questions? Call Norman in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 112.
- We are looking for additional ushers for the 11:00 am Contemporary service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at [sconnlain@gmail.com](mailto:sconnlain@gmail.com) or the church office.
- **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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).

