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Sunday, March 27, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

^{*}please stand as you are able

Welcome	and	Work (ot	God's	Peo	ple

Rev. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments

Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Joel Krott, Organ

Elmore

Introit

Forgive Me God, For Things I Do

Primary and Junior Choirs; Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Day's Psalter

Forgive me, God, for things I do that are not kind and good, Forgive me, God, and help me try to do the things I should.

When someone is not kind to me then help me, God, to see How I can keep on loving him as You keep loving me.

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In the last days, God's house will be on the highest hill.

We have come to worship God!

God will teach all His children His way, and we will walk in his paths.

We have come to worship God!

When God brings His kingdom to earth, he will bring peace to all people.

We have come to worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

Hymn No. 216 (verses 1, 2)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Congregational singing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Time for silent confession

Kyrie No. 823

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Merbecke

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Joel Krott, Organ

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

Assurance of Pardon (inspired by Isaiah 6:7)

Paul Savage

Hear now, O Church, who stand in the gap for the world as representatives of God. We have been made clean. As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, he has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of his son, Jesus Christ. In him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In him, our unkindness in action and in word has been forgiven. Go now in the purity of the King to speak the Gospel through actions of justice, mercy, grace and love.

Chil	dren	's M	lom	ent

Paul Savage

Wes Allen

Offertory Wes Allen

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

Offertory Music

Forty Days and Nights

Bedford

Junior Choir; Nancy Bender, Piano

Forty days and nights he stayed, forty days and nights He prayed, All alone, yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness.

Jesus went to fast and pray, faced temptation every day From God's love He did not stray. May we follow in His way.

Sermon Wes Allen

"Good Trouble"

Scripture Text: Luke 18: 1-8 (NRSV) (page 81 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: On the Way, Praying

Way of the Week #18

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Hymn No. 216 (verse 3)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Congregational singing

Music in Preparation for Service

Andante Grazioso

Elmore

Joel Krott, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Wes Allen

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:Harris E. RansomLive Video Streaming:Jonathan Nawrocki

Flower Arrangers: Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop

Ushers: Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel

Trustee Greeter: Paul Lewis

Check-In Volunteer: Deacon Diane Samuel

Interim Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given from Renee Slemmer and Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Slemmer.

Work of God's People

- <u>Revised Protocols</u> -- At its March 22 meeting, Session voted to permit congregational and choral singing
 in worship effective March 27-April 26. <u>Read a congregational letter</u> from Rev. Allen on our eblast and
 website with these updated protocols.
- <u>Couples Night Out Save the Date --</u> May 20 6-10 p.m. at the historic Union League of Philadelphia. Cost per couple is \$325, includes a four-course meal and guest speaker. Join us for a much needed night out, connect with other couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. <u>REGISTER on our event page</u>.
- TODAY: Order forms for Easter flowers are due April 3. Forms in Connections and online. Flowers are \$15.
- NEW: The Children's Ministry program is looking for an energetic, Christ centered, kid loving, creative <u>part time aide</u> to assist with Wednesday night programs, Vacation Bible School, and other events with our vibrant children's program. Hours vary as needed and remuneration is negotiable. If interested please reach out to Earl Gage at <u>egage@fpcmoorestown.org</u>. This is an ideal position for someone that wants to help children experience the love of Jesus and God's big story, have fun while serving our community, but cannot commit to regular employment. There are no benefits with this position.
- <u>Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt!</u> Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. outside so please dress accordingly. No Charge; canned food donation for the food pantry welcomed. Don't forget your basket!
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering: Palm Sunday April 10 to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
 Fish boxes will be given out in Sunday School. Drop down is available on electronic giving. <u>There is NO children's Sunday School on Palm Sunday</u>. There WILL be Adult Spiritual Formation that day.
- In Memory of C. Harry Knowles A Palm Sunday Concert (April 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary) -- West Jersey Chamber Music Society and our Adult Choir perform Gabriel Fauré's Requiem and John Rutter's setting of the same mass. FREE. Masks must be worn. The tribute concert will also be available via live stream at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream.
- Holy Week Worship: Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Miller Commons, led by Rev. Wes Allen, as we remember The Last Supper before Jesus' arrest. A Good Friday Community Service will be held outside in the Sanctuary Courtyard at 12 noon April 15. That evening at 7:00 p.m. we will offer our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, led by Paul Savage; a moving service moving from light into the darkness of the crucifixion. Visit the Lent page on our website.