



Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship (Miller Commons)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

Before we get to Easter, we need to linger:
In the vulnerability of the basin and the towel,
At the remembrance and promise of the table,
In the struggle and betrayal of the garden,
In the shadows and shouts of injustice,
At the bloody, brutal, beautiful cross,
In the silence of linen and spices and death.
For without these, the empty tomb is empty.

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Praise Songs

Worship Team

The Stand
I Surrender

Opening Prayer

Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession *(Adapted from Psalm 130)*

Paul Savage

Out of the depths, I cry to You, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

But with You, there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits; and in His Word, I hope; my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD, there is steadfast love; and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Savage

God does not leave us in our distress. He does not abandon us to our devilish decisions. While we choose to starve ourselves on a diet of our making that leads to spiritual atrophy and deterioration, God provides us with the Bread of Life. God pursues us even though we've rejected Him. Jesus declares of Himself in John 6, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever." The bread that He gives is for the life of the world, for you and for me. It is His very body pierced and broken, which unites us to the wisdom, truth, life and light of God. In Him and through Him, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah, amen!**

Offertory

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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 around the world. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box. 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.

Praise Song

Worship Team

I'm Forever Grateful

Sermon

Rev. Allen

Creeping Death

Scripture Texts: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; I Corinthians 11:23-25

Before the Cross of Christ

In Jewish and other ancient Near Eastern cultures, blood symbolized life. When the Hebrew people followed God's directive to paint their doorframes in lamb's blood, they made a sacrifice to honor and commemorate the work of the LORD in delivering them from slavery in Egypt and the new life that was before them. As Christians, we believe that Christ is the Lamb of God who was slain on the Cross of Calvary. Like the Passover lamb, Jesus' blood was shed as a sign of God's steadfast love and redemption for all people who believe in Him. We celebrate this each time we partake of Holy Communion. As we prepare for Good Friday and the Resurrection, you are invited to come forward and paint the Cross with a stroke of red paint - symbolizing the blood of the Lamb and God's continued love and faithfulness to creation.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Spencer

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

I Will Rise

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7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

Seminary Intern:	Paul Savage
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Livestream:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Charles Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Ushers:	Paul Lewis and John Miller

Holy Week Schedule: (See the [Events page](#) on our website.)

- The Moorestown Ministerium welcomes all to join in [A Gathering at the Cross](#) at 12:00 noon on **Friday, April 15**. This one-hour service of prayer, Scripture, and reflection is co-led by clergy from Moorestown churches. The service will be held outdoors (weather permitting) at First Presbyterian Church. In case of inclement weather, we will worship in the Sanctuary.
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, April 15:** 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship; Paul Savage preaching. Tenebrae features a gradual extinguishing of candles and “strepitus” or loud noise taking place in the darkness - *Sanctuary*.
- **Easter, April 17:** *He is Risen!* 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship at the Cemetery Cross; 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – *Sanctuary*; 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – *Miller Commons*.

[Angel Tree Easter:](#) The Deacons invite the congregation to help the Seeds of Hope Ministry in Camden by putting together an Easter basket for children with an incarcerated parent. If you would like to donate a basket, all of the information is contained in the [link here](#).