



## Sunday, November 13, 2022 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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

\*please stand as you are able

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

Krapf

### Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Freylinghausen

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Director

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

### \*Call to Worship

Dr. Herman

When we are on the mountaintop, we can worship the Lord. **God is with us!**

When we are in the darkest valley, we can worship the Lord. **God is with us!**

When we gather as His people, we can worship the Lord. **God is with us!**

The Lord is with us—a God of mercy and grace who is endlessly patient;

**abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness**

keeping steadfast and true love for a thousand generations,

**forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin.**

Therefore, let us worship the Lord our God in Spirit and in Truth!

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Dr. Herman

### \*Hymn No. 68

*Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty*

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession

Elder Dave Rebuck

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## Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Elder Rebuck

**Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: We come humbly to You as we are—not as we pretend to be or even as we hope to be. We confess to You that we do not live as we should, we do what we ought not do and neglect the good we are called to do. We do not love You with our whole heart, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. In Your grace and by Your mercy, please change our hearts and minds. Show us again how to love others the way You love us, putting power and courage in our hearts to do Your will. This we pray in Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen.**

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Rebuck

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that by God’s grace active in your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior you are forgiven of all your sins and so free to love and serve. Alleluia! **Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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## Passing the Peace of Christ

Elder Rebuck

*Please greet one another in any manner you are comfortable: wave, hug, handshake, fist bump, smile.*

## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Holly Ascitutto

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## Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***O Love, How Deep***

Titcomb

Adult Choir; Greg Nappa, Director

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God should take, our mortal form for mortals’ sake.  
For us He prayed, for us he taught, for us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus, still seeking not Himself, but us.  
All glory be to our Lord and God, for love so deep, how high, so broad;  
The Trinity Whom we adore, forever, and forever more. Amen.

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’)

Dr. Herman

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## Way of the Week #1: Be Third

Dr. Herman

BE THIRD. God is first, others are second, and you’re third. Don’t just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don’t think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

### **Ideas for Action (see if you can give this a try by Tuesday at noon)**

Ask God, “Whom can I serve today?” Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

## Offertory

Dr. Herman

*THANK YOU for your faithfulness and for remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or *donate from your phone via the Church Center app*. Send offerings by mail to P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.*

## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

### ***Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray***

Burleigh

Frank Mitchell, Bass

An' I couldn't hear nobody pray,  
O 'way down yonder by myself An' I couldn't hear nobody pray.  
In de valley! I couldn't hear nobody pray. On my knees! I couldn't hear nobody pray.  
With my burden! I couldn't hear nobody pray.  
An' my Savior! I couldn't hear nobody pray. O Lord!  
I couldn't hear nobody pray. O 'way down yonder by myself  
I couldn't hear nobody pray. Chilly waters! Couldn't hear nobody pray.  
In de Jerden! couldn't hear nobody pray.  
Crossin' over! I couldn't hear nobody pray.  
Into Canaan! Couldn't hear nobody pray. O Lord!  
Couldn't hear nobody pray.  
O 'way down yonder by myself I couldn't hear nobody pray.

## \*Doxology No. 809

### Scripture Readings

Holly Ascitutto

Isaiah 55: 6-13 (page 685 Pew Bible OT) and James 5: 7-9 (page 231 Pew Bible NT)

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

#### ***"Seeds of the Kingdom"***

**Sermon Series:** Patient God, Patient People. **Gospel Text:** Mark 4: 26-29 (page 38 Pew Bible NT)

## \*Hymn No. 543

### ***Christ Beside Me***

### \*Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

#### ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Dr. Herman

## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Richard Herman; **Beadle:** Elder Dave Rebeck; **Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

**Worship flowers** are given by Susan Wilt and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Daniel H. Wilt as we fondly remember him.

**Susan Wilt and family** invite you to gather in the Lounge after the 8:30 am traditional service this morning, as they remember Daniel, who left us on November 13, 2021.

## Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and app for details)

If you haven't yet turned in your 2023 Estimate of Giving, kindly mail it or [complete online](#) as budget work is underway. Thank you very much.

**Operation Christmas Child** -- Shoe boxes are available in the Miller Commons Lobby and must be returned no later than **Nov. 14th**.

**Online Gift Drive for Christian Caring Center Nov. 4-28** -- Like last year, the Deacons have organized an online gift drive for the Christian Caring Center to provide much needed items to local families this holiday season. Please visit [yougivegoods.com/fpcm2022](http://yougivegoods.com/fpcm2022) to go to our personalized page where you can "shop" and choose which items to give. Contact Deacon Caroline Joyce at [dmcljoyce@comcast.net](mailto:dmcljoyce@comcast.net) for questions.

**Advent Devotional** -- We will be reading *Prophets and Promises* for our Advent devotional. Copies are available in the church office for \$4 each. The devotional begins on November 27, the first Sunday in Advent.

**Emerson Toy Drive** -- Steve and Mary Emerson will be continuing a tradition started 30 years ago by Skip and Annette Emerson, which is the annual Christmas Toy Drive for underprivileged children. FPC Moorestown's generosity over the years has been truly wonderful. Please look for a box in the Commons Lobby for your **unwrapped** toys.

**Family Advent event "Narnia Night"** on **Friday, Dec. 2** on "The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe." This will be an interactive event at the church from 6:00-8:00 pm. Walk through the Wardrobe and visit our own Narnia. We will have lots of surprises in store. You may even get to sample some Turkish Delight, but not too much. Come and bring your family, friends, and neighbors. It will be open to all. See pg. 4 of *Connections* and our event page.

**Our annual Gingerbread challenge** will be virtual again this year. Come to the church and pick up a kit for your family to decorate together, beginning Nov. 16. **The challenge starts Nov. 23 and ends Dec. 2 at midnight.** Kits are train-themed and traditional houses. As in previous years, it is a basic kit, and you will need to personalize it. You do not have to use the kits from the church. Make it colorful, interesting, unique!! HAVE FUN! See events page and website or [Holly Ascuitto](#) for details.

**Poinsettia Orders** -- Remember or honor loved ones by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in our two worship spaces on Manger Sunday Dec. 11. Poinsettias are \$15 and orders will be taken Nov. 13, 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Plants being taken home will be available after worship on Dec. 11. [Order online](#), or with the order form in *Connections*. Orders are due **by Sunday, Nov. 27**.

**Adult Spiritual Formation:** Nov. 6, 13 & 20th, Lissa Herman leads [The Narnian: Joy, Pain, and The Gospel in "Fairy Stories"](#). This will lead into our Advent Study on "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, which begins Nov. 27.

**CREDO** confirmation class is for high school students interested in exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of FPC and the PC(USA). Registration is OPEN, sign up online; class began Nov. 6.

**High School Youth Group** (grades 9-12) is going to Lake Champion for a Winter Retreat Dec. 2-4 with Young Life. [Sign up on our event page](#) for a weekend packed with adventure! Cost \$195 per person. This trip fills up fast!

**Longest Night** -- On **Sunday, Dec. 4** we will present our Longest Night worship service. Share this event with those you know who might need a quiet place in the rush of December, or with those who have experienced a loss. *If you know someone you would like invited to this service, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey so we may send them an invitation letter.* Contact Alison at [amackey@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:amackey@fpcmoorestown.org) or (856) 235-1688, x 113.