



Sunday, November 20, 2022 ~ Christ The King/Reign of Christ; Thanksgiving

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

*please stand as you are able

TODAY Thanksgiving Postcards are in the worship guides. Please send a card to someone for whom you are thankful, or address and put in the offering plate for the church office to mail Monday morning.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Minuet

Purcell

Musette

J.S. Bach

Introit

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Thanksgiving Day

Marshall

Thank You, God, for Music

Washburn

Thanksgiving Time

Russian Folk Tune

Primary Choir

***Call to Worship**

Elder Paul Booker

What mighty praise belongs to you, O God, for your acts of love and faithfulness toward us!

In your mercy, you hear our prayers, you forgive our sins, you provide for our needs.

From one end of the earth to the other, you inspire worship and praise!

Even creation—trees, rocks and rivers—celebrates your goodness.

We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for your mercy and your faithful love toward us.

Lord God, receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving.

Glory to you! We praise and thank you. Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Adoration**

*Hymn No. 376

We Gather Together

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Elder Booker

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say "Jesus is King," we often fail to bow our knees before Him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your Son Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon (based on Colossians 1:13-14)

Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

We will believe this good news! Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Never Forget to be Thankful

Sleeth

Junior Choir

Refrain: Never forget to be thankful for all of the gifts you receive,
For God is the source of your blessings, and that you can surely believe.
'Twas God Who made the earth and sky, Creatures all who multiply
Fish that swim and birds that fly way up high.

Refrain: 'Tis God Who finds us when we stray, makes the rules we should obey,
Gently leads us on our way, day by day.

Refrain:

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth with Love

Rev. Spencer

SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

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

Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

McChesney

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Beth Lefferts, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

***Doxology No. 809**

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Farmers, Prophets, and Job

Sermon Series: Patient God, Patient People. **Scripture Text:** James 5: 7-11 (page 231 Pew Bible NT)

***Hymn No. 374**

Now Thank We All Our God

***Music in Preparation for Service**

Layla Joshi, Organ

Marche Royale

Lully

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Booker; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arranger:** Debbie Heller; **Harvest Table Display:** Stacy Schaffer; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jason Rose; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers are given by Rumi Sinunu in loving memory of Jack Sinunu with thanksgiving for his life.

[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.

Come and bring your family, friends, and neighbors. It will be open to all. See page 4 of *Connections* and our event page for more information, or contact [Holly Ascitutto](#) at 856.235.1688, x116.

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

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) -- meet on the 3rd Floor at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, Nov. 20** to hang out, watch the Eagles game, eat (of course!) and celebrate all for which we are thankful. Have you signed up for the Winter Retreat Dec. 2-4 to Lake Champion? [Sign up on our event page](#) for a weekend packed with adventure! Cost \$195 per person.

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 to go to our personalized page where you can "shop" and choose which items to give. Contact Deacon Caroline Joyce at dmcljoyce@comcast.net for questions.

Advent and Narnia Devotionals -- See our event page and website for Advent devotionals we will be using as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Copies are available in the Commons Lobby beginning Sunday, Nov. 20 or to download. Contact Wes Allen for questions. Some resources begin Nov. 15.

Advent Small Groups -- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. There will be 2 groups meeting Sundays at 9:45 am (Nov. 27-Dec. 18) for Adult Spiritual Formation led by Wes Allen, and Wednesdays (Nov. 30-Dec. 21) from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 3-4, led by Jim Cole and Gayle Payne. Come to the first session having read chapters 1-2 of the *Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Advent in Narnia Devotional: \$14 (purchase online, in Commons Lobby)

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. Look for a box in the Commons Lobby for your **unwrapped** toys.

Manger Sunday is December 11th; drop off in worship -- In one of our congregation's beautiful traditions, members are invited to bring **unwrapped** gifts ton Sunday, December 11th for Manger Sunday. Please place the gifts in the manger where they will be blessed by the pastors during worship. Gifts will be taken to [Oaks Integrated Care](#) for their clients and families to use as gifts for their own families. Those NOT attending services may drop gifts off from 10:30-11:30 am at the Blessing Box. See our event page for a [suggested Wish List](#).

Our annual Gingerbread challenge will be virtual again this year. Beginning **Nov. 16**, come to the church and pick up a kit for your family to decorate together. **The challenge starts Nov. 23 and ends Dec. 2 at midnight**. Kits are train-themed and traditional houses. It is a basic kit, YOU 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 Ascitutto](#) 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 27th. 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**.

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 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@fpcmoores town.org or (856) 235-1688, x 113.

HELP NEEDED: First Presbyterian Church is hosting a [brunch](#) following our 9:30 am blended Christmas Day worship. All are welcome to share in fellowship and celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth. **Please contact Jan Martin in the church office or SIGN UP on the sheets in the narthex/Commons if you can set up or clean up that day, or provide a breakfast casserole or baked goods.**