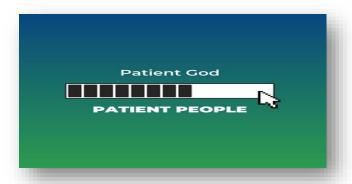


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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



Sunday, November 20, 2022 ~ Christ the King Sunday 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Overcome

Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious Creator, You have given us so much; but too often we take those gifts for granted or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community; but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us; but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. **We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!**

Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Way of the Week Video

Dr. Amit Joshi

2. 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.

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: 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 in remembering the church with your giving. Our ministry continues year 'round, and your offerings allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Take advantage of a secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u> or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. Send offerings by mail to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**. For gifts of stock, please call the church office.

Song of Praise Worship Team

Give Thanks by Don Moen

Sermon Rev. Spencer

Farmers, Prophets, and Job

Scripture Text: <u>James 5:7-11</u>

Sermon Series: Patient God, Patient People

Closing Song Worship Team

You Won't Let Go

Benediction and Going Forth Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca

Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Debbie Heller Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: John Miller
Check-in: Susan Winner
Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of Jack Sinunu by his family.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist. *Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.*

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

Poinsettia Orders: Remember loved ones by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in our two worship spaces on Manger Sunday, Dec. 11. Poinsettias are \$15 each; and orders will be taken Nov. 20 and 27. 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.

We are offering 3 **Advent Devotionals** to enrich your spiritual journey through this important season on the Christian calendar: 1) Kindling the Flame of Love: A Celtic Advent Devotional – This 40-day devotional starts on November 15 and goes through Christmas Day. You can download this free resource: https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/hp wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Advent-Devo-2022.pdf.

- 2) Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season (\$14) This book offers 28 daily devotionals and reflections corresponding with C. S. Lewis' book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.
- 3) *Prophets & Promises* (\$4) This short devotional offers daily Scripture readings combined with short quotes to ponder, reflections, and guided prayers.

These devotionals will be available to purchase in the Commons Lobby beginning TODAY.

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

<u>Emerson Christmas Toy Drive</u>: Steve and Mary Emerson will be continuing a tradition started 30 years ago by Skip and Annette, which is the annual Christmas Toy Drive for underprivileged children. Look for the box Lobby in which to place your **unwrapped** toys.

<u>Family Advent event "Narnia Night"</u> on **Friday, Dec. 2.** This will be an interactive event at the church from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Walk through the Wardrobe and visit our own Narnia. Come and bring your family and friends!

<u>Longest Night</u>: On **Sunday, Dec. 4** at **7:00 p.m.**, we will present our Longest Night Service. Invite anyone you think may benefit from this Service.

Manger Sunday: Members are invited to bring <u>unwrapped</u> gifts to services on **December 11** for our Manger Sunday presentation. Please place the gifts in the manger to be blessed by the Pastors during worship. Gifts will be taken to <u>Oaks Integrated Care</u> for their clients to use as gifts for their own families. Those NOT attending Services may drop off gifts from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Blessing Box. *See our Events page for a suggested Wish List*.

FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (See Prayer page on website for links)

- **Mondays 9-10 AM** Jim Cole leading Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- Tuesdays 9-10 AM Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM** (Zoom) Pray for our church, nation, and the world. For link, please contact Sue Piper (storybooksue@comcast.net).
- Thursdays 12:30-1:00 PM (Zoom) Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPCM.
- Thursdays 7:00 PM Live stream Prayer Service (praying for our church and discipleship)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** After Traditional Worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** visit https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer
- Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- Prayer Vigils sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.