



Sunday, November 27, 2022 ~ First Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Rotter Family

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Forever

This is Amazing Grace

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted our judgment for yours. We are lost, in need of guidance.

Silent Prayer, concluded with:

Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.

Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.

Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Spencer

God, our kind and loving Savior God, has stepped in and saved us.

God gave us a good bath, and we came out of it new people, washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit.

Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously.

God's gift has restored our relationship with God and given us back our lives.

And there's more life to come—an eternity of life!

Greeting

Rev. Spencer

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Wow Moments

Way of the Week

Rev. Wes Allen

3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY. Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Ideas for Action (try to do this by 12 noon Tuesday): Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

Offertory

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.

Praise Song

Worship Team

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

The Visited Planet

Sermon Series: Visitations

Scripture Text: Luke 1: 26-38

Communion Song

Worship Team

Great is the Lord

Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

The Bread and the Cup.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction and Going Forth

continued

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio:	Taylor Adair
Visuals:	Greg Connlain
Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis and Cheryl Stevens-Vocalists
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Dave Barr
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Ramage
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Season of Advent.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A deacon 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.

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

Online Gift Drive for Christian Caring Center Nov. 4-28 – 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 and choose which items to give. Contact Deacon Caroline Joyce at dmcljoyce@comcast.net for questions.

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 & 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-- Members are invited to bring **unwrapped** gifts to services on Sunday, December 11th. 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 Asciutto](#) 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. Plants being taken home will be available after worship on Dec. 11. [Order online](#), or with the order form in *Connections*. Orders due with payment **BY Sunday, Nov. 27**.

HELP NEEDED: First Presbyterian Church is hosting a [brunch](#) following our 9:30 am blended Christmas Day worship on December 25. 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, clean up, or provide a breakfast casserole or baked goods.

Advent and Narnia Devotionals - 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 are available to purchase in the Commons Lobby or to download. See our event page and website for details.

Family Advent event "Narnia Night" 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!

Essence of Harmony Choral Society Concert – **Saturday, Dec. 3rd** at 4:00 pm, Miller Commons. Visit <https://www.essenceofharmonycs.org/> for information on this local gospel choir and tickets, also sold at the door.

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

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 FPC Moorestown.
- **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.