



Sunday, January 1, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Christmas
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

The Virgin's Lullaby

Reger

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Allen

Congregation, what is your source of comfort and encouragement?

Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

With joy, receive these words of greeting from God: "Grace and peace to you from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be glory forever and ever." (Galatians 1:3-4)

Amen!

Praise, O children of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

We love You, Lord, for You hear our voices; You hear our cry for mercy.

How can we repay the Lord for all His goodness to us?

"We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people." (Psalm 116:13-14)

***Prayer of Adoration**

Hymn No. 78

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Call to Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Merciful God and Father in heaven, You are faithful and just; You are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. Before You and our sisters and brothers, we confess that we have spoken many empty words and have, at times, broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to You; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. Through our Lord Jesus, may we begin this new year with the joy of knowing we belong to You, with the freedom of being purified by Your blood, and with the healing which Your grace alone can bring. In the name of our blessed Savior, we pray...

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

New every morning is God's love for us, and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Greeting and Passing of Peace

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Hymn No. 173

Worship Team

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week [Video](#) (featuring Kari Rotter)

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week's description: write a note, visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*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 [automatic withdrawal](#) 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.*

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

O, My Deir Hert

Herbert Howells

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

*O, my deir hert, young Jesus sweet, prepare thy credil in my spreit,
And I shall rock Thee in my heart and never, never mair from Tee depart..*

*But I shall praise Tee evermair with sangis sweit unto Ty gloir;
The knees of my hert sall I bow and sing and sing that ritich balulalow!*

Sermon

Paul Gordon

Wake Up! And Then Do What You Want

Scripture Text: [Romans 13:8-14](#)

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Raise a Hallelujah

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Because of Your Love

Paul Baloche

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Burkhardt

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle:	Elder Peg Madorno
Elder assisting Communion:	Elder Lorenzo Eagles
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Bill Conner
Check-in:	Deacon Susan Shaffer
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sisters, Evan Rudisel & Harriet Balian, by Lucy Rorke-Adams.

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

Epiphany Service: Please join us on Sunday, **January 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** The Adult & Chapel Choirs and Choristers sing carols, songs, and anthems of the season.

Year-End Giving: Please remember the church in your year-end giving. Options for donations are listed on our [website](#) Events page. The Trustees thank you for completing your 2023 Pledge by **December 31**. **PLEASE NOTE: Online donations must be received by midnight December 31, 2022 and checks postmarked by December 31, 2022. Checks may be received in the offering plate up to January 1, 2023 with a date of December 31 on the check.**

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.