



Saturday, December 24, 2022 ~ Christmas Eve Service
11:00 pm Candlelight Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Welcome (10:40 PM)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Carol Concert

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

(During our worship, please refrain from applause. Receive the gift!)

Chapel Choir

<i>Born to Set Us Free</i>	Althouse
<i>Christmas Lullaby</i>	Stone
Lilly Rykaczewski, Solo	
<i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	Nygaard
<i>From Heaven High, O Angels Come</i>	arr. Aufdemberge
<i>Guiding Star Carol</i>	Danish arr. Christianson
<i>Hark! The Angels Sing</i>	arr. Davis

Work of God's People

Rev. Spencer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Caroline Corbin, Ella & Sara Wantrobski, Ava Eaise

Call to Worship*

Rev. Spencer

Let us gather in the memory that God has visited us in Christ.

Yes, "the Word became flesh and lived among us"; and we have seen His glory, glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Let us hold fast to the faith that brings us salvation.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

My dear friends, let us worship God.

Hymn No. 146*

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Prayer of Adoration*

Rev. Wes Allen

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Jessica Zorn

Hymn (*Seated*)

Lift Up Your Heads

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates. Behold the King of glory waits.
The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!
Redeemer, come, I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Rev. Allen

HYMN (*Seated*)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of Hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Third Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Lauren Clark

Anthem

The Angel Gabriel

Basque

Adult Choir

Fourth Lesson (*Seated*)

Matthew 1:18-25

Harris Ransom

Hymn No. 167 (vs. 1-2)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Cheryl Gaskill

Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas

Archer

Adult Choir

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Bryan Gaskill

Hymn No. 152*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12, 16

Rich Corbin

Anthem***The Coventry Carol***

arr. Andrews

Adult Choir

Christmas Offering

Rev. Allen

Offertory***Song of Mary***

Fridell

Adult Choir

Eighth Lesson*

John 1:1-14

Rev. Spencer

Anthem***Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes***

Sinett

Adult Choir

Meditation

Rev. Spencer

Christmas Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

*When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your UNLIT candle to the lit one.
As we light our candles remembering Jesus is the Light of the World, let us stand and sing.*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old.
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o'er its babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on. The prophets seen of old,
when, with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling;
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

(over)

Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm; all is bright.
'Round yon virgin, mother and Child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven affair; heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure Light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Benediction* (*Carefully extinguish candles*)

Rev. Spencer

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Following worship, candles may be deposited in the boxes at the exit doors.



11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Musicians:	Joel Krott, Kathy Gunsallus, Chapel & Adult Choirs
Ushers:	John Miller, Barry Leatherman, Rich Corbin
Property Staff:	Steve Margerum

Alternative Gift Market will be available after Services **TONIGHT** as well as through the church's website fpcmoorestown.org. Alternate Gifts allow donations to worthy causes in the name of the recipient. The Alternative Gift Market Catalog is available online on the Church Center Events page.

Sunday, December 25: Combined worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., Dr. Jonathan Miller preaching. There will be no Sunday School nor nursery care. Plan to join us for Brunch after the Service.

Church Office will be closed December 26, 27, & 30.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the First Presbyterian Church staff!

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