



Sunday, December 25, 2022 ~ Christmas Day Worship

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Jason Steiner, Organ

Musette on "Adeste Fidelis"

Jeanne Demessieux

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller

Merry Christmas! Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds.

Let us go to worship the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to worship God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to worship our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with the whole world, with all the people of all the nations. Come let us worship; come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord!

***Prayer of Adoration**

Dr. Miller

***Hymn No. 157**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Peg Valora

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, the gift of your love. We marvel at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us for we are weak in faith, empty of hope and lacking in love. This morning let the miracle and mystery of Jesus' birth happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready and willing hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Through the mercies of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Dr. Miller & Harris Ransom

Christmas Readings

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (page 638 Pew Bible OT)
Luke 2: 8-14 (page 58 Pew Bible NT)

Josh Rotter, age 11
Kari Rotter, age 13

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #7: Celebrate Our Unity, Savor Our Diversity

7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

Ideas for Action (try to do this by 12 noon Tuesday): Seek out someone from a different background, culture or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

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. **Special Christmas Green envelopes are in the pews for your Christmas gift.***

Offertory Music

He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Alivia Nawrocki, Soloist

Jason Steiner, Organ

Traditional French Carol

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller

“Two Wonderful Gifts!

‘... to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah.’ Luke 2:11

*Hymn No. 150

What Child is This?

The Lord’s Supper

Rev. Spencer, Dr. Miller, Beth & Roger Lefferts

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 151

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

*Music in Preparation for Service

Jason Steiner, Organ

In Dulci Jubilo

BWV 608 JS Bach

Benediction and Going Forth; Ways Video

Dr. Miller

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle:	Elder Peg Valora
Communion Elder:	Elder Beth Lefferts and Roger Lefferts
Guest Organist:	Jason Steiner
Guest Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Ushers:	John Miller and Jack Terry
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller
Check-In Volunteer:	Kourtney de la Cruz

Brunch Hospitality: Sue Piper, Mark Bell, Lori Bell, Susan Kenuk, Amy Coombe, Dick & Lissa Herman, Mike & Marcia Jones, Sherrell Fitts, Jan Amos.

Worship flowers are given today to the glory of God.

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

TODAY following our 9:30 am worship, we are hosting a [brunch](#). All are welcome to share in fellowship and celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth. Thank you to the many members who have come in on this holiday to create this special meal.

[Year End Giving](#) -- Please remember the church in your year end giving. Options for donations are listed on our [website](#) and event page. The trustees thank you for completing your 2022 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.**

[Holiday Worship Times](#) -- On Christmas Day December 25 and New Year's Day January 1, 2023, there will be ONE combined **9:30 am** worship service. There will be no Education Hour or nursery care.

[Holiday Office Hours](#) -- The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 30 for the Christmas holiday. The church office will be OPEN December 28, 29 and January 2, 2023. Warmest wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas from the staff at First Presbyterian Church.

Epiphany Concert: Please join us on **Sunday, January 8, 2023** at 8:30 a.m. DURING the traditional worship service. The Adult Choir, Chapel Choir, Junior Choir and Choristers will be singing carols, songs, and anthems of the season.

The Lord's Supper will be served on **Sunday, January 1** (moved from January 8). Worship is a combined service at **9:30 a.m.** Paul Gordon is the guest preacher.

[MLK Observances](#) -- The Moorestown Ministerium, an ecumenical leadership of area pastors, warmly invites you to a [Celebration and Worship Service](#) on **Sunday, January 15** at 3:00 p.m. honoring the legacy and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King. See our event page for information. First United Methodist Church is located at 446 E. Camden Avenue in Moorestown. The FPC Moorestown church campus will be CLOSED on Monday, January 16 in observance of the MLK Day of Service.

Winter Gathering -- Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to the PW Winter Gathering on **Monday, January 23**. The guest speaker will be Sister Meaghan Patterson, executive director of Dawn's Place, one of our PW mission organizations. Since 2009, Dawn's Place has been a pioneer in offering a safe and caring residential setting for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) or sex trafficking. Their vision is to provide a new beginning for survivors through their residential program which can accommodate eight women in private bedrooms. Dawn's Place offers an opportunity for women to pursue healing and a purpose in life.

[Mitten Tree](#) -- Visit the Mitten Tree in the Commons Lobby presented by the Knitting Network and decorated with handmade mittens, hats and scarves. You are welcome to add your handmade objects to the tree, or to purchase others for your own use. All items will be donated to Urban Promise and local charities. If you knit or crochet, join the Knitting Network on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am.