



Sunday, January 8, 2023 ~ Baptism of the Lord
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Holy Water

Death Was Arrested

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, help me to live today in this new year. I have had my yesterdays; and some were not so good. What happened yesterday and last year cannot be changed, but I can be changed. Breathe upon me, O God, and grant me the courage to sincerely strive to be the person I know I should be in Christ; that in so being, I might gain the peace I seek. Help me to live today the way You would have me live, in Your will and to Your praise and glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our assurance of forgiveness tells God's people something that is already true. That is, all who believe and belong to Jesus and cling to Him as their only hope, have been pardoned of their sin. That is why it is an assurance. Hear and receive this Good News:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are forgiven today. Praise God!

Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week Video – Melissa Corbin

9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN. Ask *first* for God’s guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God’s will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God’s love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

Ideas for Action: On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMT’s, police & fire personnel, and local officials. If you’re stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the Pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

Offertory

*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.*

Song of Praise

Same God

Sermon

Paradise Has Limits

Scripture Text: [Genesis 2:4b-9, 14-17](#)

Sermon Series: Let’s Eat!

Closing Song

Good, Good Father

Benediction and Going Forth

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Cheryl Stevens, Steve Drzaszcz, Michelle Davis-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Fran Green and Carol Benner
Usher:	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Check-in:	Vicki Terry
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today’s pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry Knowles 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.*

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.

Sunday School: Children's Sunday School returns on **Sunday, January 8** (9:45-10:45 am). There *will* be Sunday School on January 29 at 9:30 am for the 5th Sunday, held during the Worship Service.

Adult Spiritual Formation: In January, we offer the adult series - *Reflecting on the Word*. Join Elder Lorenzo Eagles in **Fellowship Hall A** for a discussion on the sermon text: January 8 (Genesis 2:4b-17); January 15 (Deuteronomy 8:1-18); January 22 (I Kings 19:1-9). There will be no Adult Spiritual Formation on January 29.

Annual Reports are due to Jan Martin by **Friday, January 13**. The Annual Report will be prepared in advance of the Annual Meeting on February 5.

The Moorestown Ministerium 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 at First United Methodist Church (446 E. Camden Ave.).

Holiday Hours: The FPC Moorestown campus will be CLOSED on Monday, January 16 in observance of MLK Day of Service.

Winter Break Schedules: Senior High Youth Group (gr. 9-12) returns **Sun., Jan. 15**. Middle School Youth Group (gr. 7-8) returns **Wed., Jan. 18**. Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (grades 4-6), Primary Choir, and Family Dinner (All) return **Wed., Feb. 1**.

PW Winter Gathering: Presbyterian Women invite women of the church to its Winter Gathering **Monday, Jan. 23** at **11:30 a.m.** Guest speaker is Sister Meaghan Patterson, executive director from Dawn's Place, one of the missions PW supports.

January 29 (9:30 am) is [Blanket Sunday](#), an offering sponsored by our Deacons. Your contributions enables Church World Service to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. *Look for special pew envelopes or give online and use the Blanket Sunday dropdown.*

Have you ever been captivated by a **prayer** you've heard offered to God and wondered how you can pray like that? Maybe you've sat down to pray and couldn't form the words you wanted. Prayer takes practice. If you'd like to hone your prayer skills, Rev. Spencer and Rev. Allen encourage you to reach out to them. If you'd like to read more about prayer, we invite you to read *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone* by James Martin or Richard Foster's book *Prayer* (available for free via Kindle Unlimited).

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.fpcmoores town.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.