



Sunday, January 22, 2023 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 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. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Hymn to Joy

McChesney

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Joel Krott, Elizabeth Lefferts, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross. Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer; Kathy Gunsallus, Director.

*Call to Worship (adapted from Matthew 6: 25-33)

Elder Matt Livingston

Jesus says, "Therefore, I tell you

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or wear.

Is not life more than food or clothes?

Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or store up in barns.

Yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not more valuable than they?

Can one you, by worrying, add a single hour to your life?

But seek first, God's kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

Let us surrender our worries to Christ as we worship our Lord and Savior today!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Livingston

*Hymn No. 59

Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Rev. Allen

Living God, today we confess that we allow fear to drown out Your voice. We are often afraid of the unknown and things outside our control. Help us hand these items over to you every hour of the day. Help us be quiet and still, waiting for Your will to be revealed rather than running ahead of You. Keep our hearts open to the Spirit's working. Remind us that we have daily bread from Heaven and a safe shelter in You when we are tempted to look elsewhere for hope and help. Through the power of the Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Allen

Brothers and sisters, God does not leave us in our distress. He does not abandon us to our devilish decisions. While we choose to starve ourselves on a diet of our own making and choosing that leads to spiritual atrophy and deterioration, God provides us with the Bread of Life. Pursuing us, those who have rejected the wisdom of God, Jesus declares of himself in John 6:51, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever." The bread that he gives is for the life of the world, for you and me. It is his very body pierced and broken which reunites us to the wisdom, truth, life and light of God. In Him and through Him, we are forgiven.
Hallelujah! Amen!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

God Shall Direct Thy Paths

Greg Gilpin

Chapel Choir

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. - Proverbs 3; 5-6
Be still and know that I am God. - Psalm 46: 10

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #11: Make Others at Home Here

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday School. Show a genuine interest in others.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name and a smile of welcome. Pave the way for new friendships wherever you are.

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 easily from your phone via the Church Center app. If you're watching via live stream, you can take part and give online now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868**, Moorestown, NJ 08057.*

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

God is My Shepherd

Dvořák

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"A Relentless Love"

Sermon Series: "Let's Eat!"

Scripture Text: 1 Kings 19: 1-9 (page 302 Pew Bible OT)

*Hymn No. 330

The Lord's My Shepherd

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond)

Rowley

Benediction and Going Forth; Ways Video (Alecia Connlain)

Rev. Allen

~ ~

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Matt Livingston; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Alice Conley; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Magerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given to the glory of God.

continued

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

- **Leadership Retreat Saturday, January 28** -- Elders, deacons and trustees will gather for a Leadership Retreat on **Saturday, January 28** from 8:30-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Please [RSVP ONLINE on our Events Page](#) and return the short educational survey.
- **NEW: 5th Sunday Card shower for Gary & Nancy Bender** -- Please bring a Get Well or Thinking of You card with you to the **9:30 am** worship service, sending your support, encouragement and love. We will have a table in the Commons Lobby and a basket to drop off cards. We will also have blank cards available, or you can mail yours directly. Gary has a long road ahead. [See our Church Center event page ...](#)
- **5th Sunday January 29 (9:30 am):** There *will* be Sunday School at 9:30 am for the 5th Sunday, held during the combined service. Nursery care will be provided. Dr. Bruce Main from Urban Promise is the guest preacher on January 29. **NEW:** Afterwards be sure and stay for the [2nd Annual Chili Cookoff!!](#) Immediately following the **9:30 am** service, join the Deacons for a festive and fun afternoon. [Sign up online](#) or in person at church to enter chili or bake cornbread. See our Church Center event page ...
- **January 29 (5th Sunday) is also [Blanket Sunday](#), an offering sponsored by our Deacons.** Your contributions to Church World Service enables CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Just \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless. *Look for special pew envelopes that day or give online and use the Blanket Sunday drop down.*
- **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. There is no adult spiritual formation on January 29 (5th Sunday). **NEW!** Check the website for a Sunday morning **couples group** and Bible study on **Acts** beginning February 5th.
- **PW Winter Gathering (also via Zoom)--** Presbyterian Women invite women of the church to its Winter Gathering **Monday, Jan. 23 at 9:30 am**. Guest speaker is Sister Meaghan Patterson from Dawn's Place, a mission PW supports. Dawn's Place has been a pioneer in offering a safe and caring residential setting for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation/sex trafficking. [RSVP online on our event page](#). **The event will also be available via Zoom (find link and a video on our event page).**
- The **Annual Report** will be available Sunday, Jan. 29 to prepare for the February 5th [Annual Meeting of the Congregation](#) (12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall and Zoom). Coffee hour and brunch items will be available.
- [Open registration for Step by Step Christian Preschool](#) began on January 17 for the 2023-24 year.
- January meetings for **CREDO confirmation class** will be January 22 and January 29 from 12:15-2:00 pm in the Hayes Room, led by Rev. Wes Allen.
- **NEW: [Inquirers Class](#)** -- Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to its Winter Inquirers Class **February 15, 18, 19**. The three-part series is designed to work with today's busy schedules. Please [register on the Events page](#) or contact Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113, amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.
- **We're Back!** Kingdom Kids (4:45-5:45 pm), Crossing Zone (6:30-7:30 pm) and Family Dinner (6:00-7:00 pm) return **Wednesday, February 1**. Middle School Youth Group will meet Jan. 25 (6:30-8:00 pm).
- The **Church Directory** has been updated for 2023. Hard copies are available in the church office.