



Sunday, January 29, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Blended 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

Joel Krott, Organ

Prelude from "Second Suite"

Guilain

Introit

Worship Team

Joy

Urban Promise Choir

Worship Team: Wes Allen-electric guitar, Don Stevens-bass guitar, Christine Bass-keyboard, Rebecca Neindorff-piano, Cheryl Stevens-vocals, Michelle Davis-vocals, Sue Ely-vocals, Steve Drzascz-vocals, Barry Overton-drums; Martin Bass worship leader

*Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 12)

Elder Frank Manion

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Manion

*Hymn

Worship Team

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name. **REPEAT**

Christ alone cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love

Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

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When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil, my anchor holds within the veil.
He is Lord of all.
When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Avery LaMonica

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.
We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
to a wholeness with each other and with You.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
through the power and love of Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon (Galatians 1: 3-5)

May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.
**Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world
in which we live. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Let Hearts Awaken

Clokey

Adult Choir

Let hearts awaken, now the night is ended, raising their morning psalm of adoration,
In sweetest concert our Creator's glory joyfully singing.

So, with the anthems of the blest uniting, may we find grace to win the courts celestial,
Singing the praise of heaven's high King eternal in life unending.

Grant this, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity blessed, who one Godhead sharest:
Thine be the glory through the whole creation now and forever.

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

Rev. Allen

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Way of the Week #12: Own Our Church

Rev. Spencer

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's news or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

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

Worship Team

Hope Has a Name

Worship Team

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Bruce Main

"Faith Through the Roof"

Scripture Text: Mark 2: 1-12 (page 36 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 659

A Charge to Keep I Have

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Manz

Benediction and Going Forth; Ways Video (Adrienne Barr)

Rev. Spencer

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bruce Main; **Beadle:** Elder Frank Manion; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jenna Cole; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given by Jane Murphy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father Alfred Fisher.

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

- **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.
- **TODAY: 5th Sunday Jan. 29 (9:30 am)**: There will be Sunday School at 9:30 am, held during the combined service. Nursery care will be provided. We welcome Dr. Bruce Main from Urban Promise as our guest preacher. Afterwards be sure and stay for the **[2nd Annual Chili Cookoff!!](#)** in Fellowship Hall!
- **TODAY is also [Blanket Sunday](#), an offering sponsored by our Deacons.** Your contributions to Church World Service enable CWS 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 drop down.*
- **[Adult Spiritual Formation](#): NEW!** Check the website for a Sunday morning **couples group** and Bible study on **The Book of Acts** beginning February 5th. Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. This **[12-week study \(Feb. 5-Apr. 30\)](#)** will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. Team Leaders: Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Rev. Wes Allen. Please **[register online](#)** or through the Church Center app.
- 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.
- **[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**.
- **Yes, 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 meets Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm. Family Dinner for everyone is from 6:00-7:00 pm in Miller Commons (\$5.00 per person please).
- **Save the Date!** You and your friends and family are invited to the **64th Annual Strawberry Festival**, an evening packed with community spirit and LOTS of FUN! Friday, June 2 from 6-9 p.m.
- **[Seeking Nominations](#)** -- The Nominations Committee is currently looking for members to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please pray about where God may be calling you. You may nominate yourself or someone else you feel would be a good fit for these positions. For questions contact Gil Warren, any Nominations Committee member or **[submit your nominations online](#)**.
- **February is American Heart Month.** To celebrate, the American Red Cross is holding a blood drive in Miller Commons on **Friday, February 3** from 1-6 pm. Please register online at **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. Hope to see you there!
- **The Church Directory** has been updated for 2023. Hard copies are available in the church office.