



Sunday, February 5, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany; The Lord's Supper
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. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Prelude from "Second Suite" – Tierce en Taille

Guilain

*Call to Worship

Elder Joyce Wenzke

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing!

Know this: the Lord is our God and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. So come, my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, and let us worship and adore our God—now and forever!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Wenzke

*Hymn No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy!

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Elder Wenzke

Prayer of Confession

God, we are thirsty and you call us to your waters. However, sometimes we try to slake our thirst from other sources.

Forgive us when we turn away from the living water that you offer.

God, we are hungry and you offer us bread without cost. But sometimes we pay too much for food that does not nourish.

Forgive us when we do not accept your gracious provision.

Forgive us, God, for the many ways we fail to trust you:

When we spend our money for that which is not bread and our labor for that which does not satisfy.

God, we seek you; we call upon you.

Have mercy on us, for we know you will abundantly pardon.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not: By the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus you are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up. You are forgiven, you are set free. In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

Thanks be to God! The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all—family, friends, strangers and enemies alike. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Anthem

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Pass It Along

Sleeth

Junior Choir

Refrain: Pass it along! Pass it along! God's great story in story and song!
Pass it along! Pass it along! Tell somebody and pass it along!
Tell the story of Noah, told to build a great ark!
Forty days he sailed 'til the sun prevailed; then at last he could park!

Refrain: Tell the story of Moses, how he helps up his hand,
Made the sea divide, reached the other side, walked upon the dry land!

Refrain: Tell the story of David, watching over his sheep;
With a single stone, it was he along, put Goliath to sleep (forever!)

Refrain: Tell the story of Jesus, born in Bethlehem town;
Son of God above, filled the world with love, Light from heaven came down to save us!

Refrain:

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #13: Open Doors for Others to Lead

Rev. Spencer

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our present.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): as you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

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

Carol Manion, Piano

Choristers

Franciscio, Arr. Krott

I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog.
Simple spelling G O D same word backwards D O G.
They would stay with me all day I'm the one who walks away.
But both of the just wait for me and dance at my return with glee.
Both love me no matter what divine God and canine mutt.
I take it hard each time I fail. But God forgives, dog wags his tail.
God thought up and made the dog, dog reflects a part of God.
I've seen love from both sides now – It's everywhere. Amen, bow-wow.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Me on the Menu, Part 1"

Scripture Text: John 6: 35, 41-52 (page 97 Pew Bible NT)

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elder Castellanos

(please prepare a communion serving for yourself and those who are worshipping with you)

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

*Hymn No. 772 (Tune 293)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Magnificat in c Minor

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Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (The Millers)

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers today are given by Barbara Lewis to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Allen Judson Lewis.

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Joyce Wenzke; **Communion Elder:** Rebecca Castellanos; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Martha Derry; **Ushers:** John Miller, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** Paul Lewis; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Janet D'Angelo; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

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

- **TODAY: [Adult Spiritual Formation: How We Love](#)** - This 9-week couples' study (**Feb. 5-Apr. 2**) is designed to strengthen your marriage; explore the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships. Books are \$16, and the workbooks are \$12. To order visit www.howwelove.com or Amazon. Sign up on our [groups page/Adult Spiritual Formation page](#) or through the Church Center app. Meets Sundays 9:45 am in the Hayes Room.
- **TODAY: [NEW: The Book of Acts](#)** - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history: the sending of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the early Church, and the scattering of Jesus' disciples across the world. 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. The class will be team taught by Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Rev. Wes Allen. Please [register online](#) or through the Church Center app. Meets 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8.
- **TODAY:** The [Annual Meeting of the Congregation](#) will be held at 12:30 pm following Contemporary Worship. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall and also on Zoom (see [event page](#) for Zoom link). Coffee and brunch items will be available at 12 noon. Copies of the [2022 Annual Report](#) are available at church and online via our eblast.
- **NEW: Lent Book Study** -- For Lent 2023 we will be reading Bruce Main's book, "Why Jesus Crossed the Road." This book will challenge us to get out of our comfort zone and go to the people and places Jesus went. Are you interested in leading a small group? Let Wes Allen know, or pass along names of other leaders. We are ordering books (\$11), but if you subscribe to Kindle Unlimited, you can access the book as part of your subscription. Order easily online too ([see our event page](#)).
- **[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 for today's busy schedules. Please [register on the Events page](#) or contact Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113, amackey@fpcmoorestown.org. You're invited to come to Family Dinner as our guest on Wednesday, Feb. 15 (6 pm).
- **[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](#).
- **Easter Candy Donations** -- please see *Connections* for ways to donate candy to our April 1 Children's Easter Celebration.
- **[Ash Wednesday Worship](#): Wednesday, February 22** at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to begin our Journey of Lent. There is no Kingdom Kids or Crossing Zone so children may worship with their family.
- **The Church Directory** has been updated for 2023. Hard copies are available in the church office.