



Sunday, February 19, 2023 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Bell Choir and Tone Chimes; Carillon

Sullivan

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Introit

O for a Closer Walk with God

American Folk Hymn

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame.
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the lamb.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame,
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Call to Worship

Elder Nancy Chumney

We are here to worship our remarkable God.

The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, and the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

Don't come as slaves, come as the truly free. Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are already heard. Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests. Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

The love of God overflows our hearts. The grace of Christ liberates our spirits. The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

People of God, come, and let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Chumney

*Hymn No. 53

Let All Things Now Living

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Chumney

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Risen and exalted Christ, our Lord and King – Come into our hearts today, renew us and remake us in Your image so that we are pleasing to You. Forgive us our complacency and self-satisfaction and create in us a holy unrest with our affluent lifestyles. Thank you for not giving up on us.

[Silence]

Holy Spirit – Give us spiritual eyes to see our poverty... our nakedness... our blindness. Gently lead us into the Truth about our own condition and that of the world around us. Give us broken hearts – even the heart of Christ – for the broken lives, the broken people and the broken families around us. Give us a spirit of grace and truth as we offer them hospitality and invite them to enter into a new relationship with You.

[Silence]

Heavenly Father – You made us to walk with You: to know You, to love You, to serve You. You are the Ruler of heaven and earth. Fill us with a proper sense of awe and wonder as we humble ourselves before You. We would be faithful and true to You – the one and only God – Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

[Silence]

Assurance of Pardon

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #15: Welcome Change

Rev. Allen

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing a new thing.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

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. Are you watching the live stream? You can take part and give online right now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.***

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Thy Holy Wings

Swedish Folk Tune, Arr. Erickson

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Thy holy wings, dear Savior spread gently over me;
And thru the long night watches, I'll rest secure in Thee.
Whatever may betide me, be Thou my hiding place,
And let me live and labor each day, Lord, by Thy grace.

Thy pardon, Savior, grant me, and cleanse me in Thy blood;
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
O take into Thy keeping Thy children, great and small,
And, while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Not Late for Dinner"

Scripture Text: Revelation 3: 14-22 (page 247 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 84

Children of the Heavenly Father

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Thy Holy Wings

Swedish/Webster

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Jonathan Leath)

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers today are given by Philip and Linda Jagiela to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Susan Jagiela.

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Nancy Chumney; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Fran Green; **3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Deacons; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, John Miller, Paul Grossmann; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Sarah Harper; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

[NOW AVAILABLE: 2023 Lent Resource Guide](#)

Pick up a copy or download the *2023 Lent Resource Guide* for complete information about activities, devotionals, worship, Lent Book Studies, giving and other opportunities throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Hard copies are available at church, on the Commons Lobby sign-up table, in each worship space and in the church office. [Download](#) from the Event Page, eblast or website.

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

- **TODAY: [How We Love](#)** - This 9-week couples' study (**Feb. 5-Apr. 2**) is designed to strengthen your marriage; explore five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships. To order books (\$16) and workbooks (\$12) visit www.howwelove.com or Amazon. Sign up on our [groups page/Adult Spiritual Formation page](#) or right from the Church Center app. Meets 9:45 am in the **Hayes Room**.
- **TODAY: [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 is 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 **Fellowship Hall A**.
- **[NEW: Lent Book Study](#)** -- For Lent 2023 we are 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. We have ordered books (\$11), Kindle Unlimited subscribers can access the book as part of their subscription. Order easily online too ([see our event page](#)). SIGN UP in the Commons Lobby, online, or right from your Church Center app.
- **[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, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner so children may worship with their family. Middle School Youth Group will meet at 6:30 pm and attend the service together.*
- Beginning **Sunday, February 19**, families with children 10 and under can pick up their own personal "Lent in a Box" in the Commons Lobby! This box includes activities (supplies provided), devotionals, scriptures, and hands-on prayer exercises each week for families to journey through Lent. Families may also pick their box up on Wed. night during Fellowship Groups or on Ash Wednesday. *ONE per family please.*
- **Mid-week Lenten Evening Prayer Service**, "Light in the Darkness," Wednesdays 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
- **Thursdays in Lent** Pastor Spencer leads "praying the Bible" or *Lectio Divina* via **Zoom**. Read more and find the Zoom link in the *Lent Resource Guide*, on our event page or on our website. March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
- **[Seeking Nominations](#)** -- The Nominations Committee is looking for members to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please pray about where God may be calling you. Nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a good fit for these positions. Contact Gil Warren, Nominations chair, or [submit your nominations online](#).
- **Easter Candy Donations** – please see *Connections* for ways to donate nut-free candy and items to our **Saturday, April 1** Children's Easter Celebration Easter Egg Hunt (10:30-11:30 am). Drop off by **March 15!**
- **[The Mission Committee invites you to a Taste of Greece, Sunday, March 5 at 12 noon](#)** in Fellowship Hall. Sample authentic Greek cuisine and hear about the Mission Team Greece's November trip to visit FPCM missionary Nadia Ayoub. The meal is complimentary. A free will offering will be available for Nadia's work with Ukrainian refugees in Katerini, Greece.
- **Interested in the new Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden?** [See our event page.](#)