



Sunday, February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

The Ten Commandments

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Only the hungry search for bread.

Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longing, our heartfelt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

God is Able

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Spencer

In this season of Lent, O God, unsettle us. Increase within us that sense of gnawing that arises from the incongruity between our lives and the life to which You call us. Transform us and renew us through the redemptive grace of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Good News is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah, amen!

Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Wow Moments

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week [Video](#) – Lucy Rorke-Adams

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that’s been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, “How is God calling me to share what I’ve been given?”

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*THANK YOU for your faithfulness in remembering the FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain church programs. Take advantage of secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. If you are watching via live stream, you can give online now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.***

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Praises

Sermon

Rev. Allen

But Where is My Good News?

Scripture Text: [Luke 4:14-30](#)

Sermon Series: Crossing the Road with Jesus

Communion Song

Worship Team

Jesus, We Love You

Communion

Rev. Allen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord’s Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:

Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

Flower Arrangers:

Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault

Usher:	Dave Barr
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Check-in:	Jonathan Schramm
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Bob Whitaker, by Ray & Sally Freud; and in loving memory of their father & grandfather, Bill Friel, by Kimberly & Kevin Friel.

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.

Adult Spiritual Formation: We are offering two classes: **How We Love** - This 9-week couples' study is designed to strengthen your marriage. "How We Love" explores the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships. – *Hayes Room*

The Book of Acts - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. This 12-week study will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. – *Fellowship Hall A*

SIGN UP for a **Lenten Small Group:** For Lent 2023, we will be reading Dr. Bruce Main's book, "*Why Jesus Crossed the Road.*" Our hope is that the book will challenge us to get out of our comfort zone and go to the people and places Jesus went. There are currently 4 Groups to choose from that will begin this week. Books (\$11) can be purchased at the church or [online](#).

NEW: Praying the Bible - Thursdays in Lent. Stuart Spencer leads a Zoom Lectio Divina from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Learn how to pray using words and images from the Bible. To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82155873927?pwd=WnBQeDdha0xYYkVCekVOakpkVEZrZz09>

Taste of Greece: *Sunday, March 5, 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall* – The Mission Committee invites you to sample authentic Greek cuisine & hear about the Mission Trip to Greece in November to visit FPCM missionary Nadia Ayoub. The meal is complimentary. A free-will offering will be taken for Nadia's work with Ukrainian refugees in Katerini.

Organ Music from Scandinavia: *Sunday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary* - Join us for this *Special Events Organ Recital with Sven Mikkelsen*. The program will include works by Diderik Buxtehude, Nicolaus Bruhns, Johann Scheibe, & others. Also available via live stream. A freewill offering will be received.

[Spring Prayer Retreat](#), Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 5: Pastor Spencer leads a Prayer Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in NY. Join him for a time of renewal. For additional information and registration, visit our website: fpcmoorestown.org.

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.fpcmoorestown.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.