



Sunday, February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday in Lent

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

The Ten Commandments

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Chaconne in G Minor

L. Couperin

Introit

Carol Manion, Piano

God So Loved the World

Wolaver

Choristers

*Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

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.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gayle Payne

*Hymn No. 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

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.

Kyrie

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Moravian

Adult Choir; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

Assurance of Pardon

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!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Dona Nobis Pacem

Mozart

Adult Choir

Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us peace.

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

Rev. Allen

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 (*Try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday*): 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 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 right now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868**, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

Eucaristia

Casals

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Allen

"But Where is My Good News?"

Scripture Text: [Luke 4:14-30](#) (page 61 Pew Bible NT)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (*First Sunday in Lent*)

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 200

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (Caithness)

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Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (*Lucy Rorke-Adams*)

Rev. Allen

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

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Gayle Payne; **Communion Elder:** Paul Booker; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Check-in Volunteer:** Deacon Steve Drzaszcz; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*Volunteers needed.*)

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

- **TODAY:** [How We Love](#) - This 9-week couples' study is designed to strengthen your marriage and 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. This 12-week study 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 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. Books (\$11) can be purchased online or at the church. ([See our Events page.](#)) SIGN UP in the Commons Lobby, online, or right from your Church Center app.
- 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. *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 Events page, or on our website - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
- **World Day of Prayer, March 3** – *Praying for missions & missionaries around the world.* The Prayer Committee would like to recognize WDP with a **time of prayer via Zoom 6:00-9:00 AM**. Please pick up the printed instructions with Zoom login. Join and leave Zoom as your schedule allows.
- **[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](#).
- **[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 freewill offering will be available for Nadia's work with Ukrainian refugees in Katerini.
- **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**.
- **Interested in the new Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden?** [See the survey on our Events page.](#)