



Sunday, March 5, 2023 ~ Second 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. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments

Music in Preparation for Worship

Dr. Amit Joshi, Piano

Italian Concerto in F Major, First Movement

JS Bach BWV 971

Introit

Forgive Me, God, For Things I Do

Day's Psalter

Forgive me, God for things I do that are not kind and good,
Forgive me, God and help me try to do the things I should.

Our Church

Kirkland

Primary Choir; Sawyer McNab, Piano

Our Church is such a happy place! We like to worship here.
And when we sing our songs of praise, we feel God very near.

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 91)

Elder Kevin Fauvell

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the Shadow of the Almighty.

This I will declare of the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him.

For the Lord will rescue you from every trap and protect you from the fatal plague.

God will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protections.

Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor fear the dangers of the day. Come, let us worship God.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Fauvell

*Hymn No. 26

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Fauvell

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Gospel, the very power of God: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us first trust and then proclaim the Good News to one another:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Welcoming New Members

See "Ministry of Members" insert

Elder Gayle Payne

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #17: Show Who You Really Are

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday: This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

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 right now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**.

Offertory Music

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Sometimes in the Dark of Night

Robert Leaf

Junior Choir; Carol Manion, Flute

Sometimes in the dark of night, I get kind of scared.
Then I say a prayer to God: comfort me, dear Lord.
Sometimes when I'm all alone, I get kind of sad.
Then I say a prayer to God: comfort me, dear Lord.
If a problem seems too big and there's no one near,
Then I say a prayer to God: comfort me, dear Lord.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Capernaum: Home Base"

Scripture Text: Luke 4: 31 – 44 (page 62 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 409

Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Fughette on Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Pachelbel

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Dick Herman)

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Kevin Fauvell; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and Carol Benner; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Susan Winner; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given by Nancy Sinunu Kyle and Mike Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother Jean Sinunu.

PICK UP A COPY OR DOWNLOAD the [2023 Lent Resource Guide](#) for information about activities, devotionals, worship, Lent Book Studies, giving and other opportunities throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Hard copies are available at church and in the church office. [Download](#) from the Event Page, Friday eblast or website fpcmoorestown.org.

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

- **TODAY: [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 FPC Moorestown missionary Nadia Ayoub. *The meal is complimentary.* A free will offering will be available for Nadia's work with Ukrainian refugees in Katerini.
- **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. Sign up on our [groups page/Adult Spiritual Formation page](#) or right from the Church Center app. 9:45 am, **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. 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 **Room 3-4 this week.**
- **[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**. Find the Zoom link in the *Lent Resource Guide*, our Events page, or website - March 2-30.
- **[Seeking Nominations](#)** -- The Nominations Committee is looking for members to serve on the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please pray about where God may be calling you.
- **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.**

WINTER INQUIRERS' CLASS -- February 19, 2023

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