



Sunday, March 12, 2023 ~ Third 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

Joel Krott, Organ

Passion Chorale

Johann Kuhnau

Passion Chorale

Johann Walther

Introit

My Savior Was Betrayed

Hassler

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

My Savior was betrayed, reproach and pain to meet;
My sins the Lord conveyed 'fore Pilate's judgement seat;
These, these did Him deliver into the foe's dire hand;
I should have felt forever the pangs my Lord sustained.

*Call to Worship (adapted from John 12)

Elder Paul Booker

Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you."

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

"If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness will blanket all people; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.

"While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Paul Booker

*Hymn No. 16

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Elder Paul Booker

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Lord God, we know that you are life, the life which is the light of the world. But sometimes we allow darkness to close in. We find ourselves driven apart from you. We confess that we do not always trust Christ's gifts. We sacrifice grace and truth in order to get ahead in the world. We fail to go to the people and places you went because of fear and convenience. We do not always listen to your Spirit's teaching and direction, trusting instead in our own intellect or hard work. Please forgive our thoughtlessness, carelessness, willful ignorance and disobedience. Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess and seek your forgiveness.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Kyrie

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Bodine

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news,
today is the day of salvation!
Christ is the light of the world!
Darkness cannot overcome it!
In Christ we are forgiven.
Hallelujah, Amen!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #18: Ask For Help

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

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

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Arr. Carl Schalk

Adult Choir

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up His dying breath.
For us He rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign;
He sent His spirit here to guide, to comfort, and to cheer.
All glory to our Lord and God for love, so deep, so high, so broad,
The Trinity, Whom we adore, forever and forevermore.

*Doxology No. 809

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Sermon

Rev. Allen

"Crossing the Road at Rush Hour"

Scripture Text: Luke 8: 26-39 (page 68 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 492

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Agincourt Hymn

Dunstable

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Jenny Legath)

Rev. Allen

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Booker; **Audio Technician:** Harris A. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Carol Morgan; **Ushers:** Dave Rebeck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** Paul Lewis; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jason Rose; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given by Mitzi Honeyford to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband of 71 years George Honeyford. His birthday is March 8.

The flowers on the Communion Table are a gift from Carol Anne Wilson in honor of Becky Castellanos' birthday March 14.

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

- [Per capita submissions](#) (\$38.75 per member) are due – thank you for sending yours in today
- [NEW! Youth Mission Day at Urban Promise](#) – grades 7-12, join John Roberts, Liz Greene and members of our youth groups for a hands-on ministry day at UrbanPromise 9 am-1 pm. [Sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app. Cost: \$16 online (\$15 in person). Yes, bring your friends too!
- A few “**Lent Boxes**” remain in the Commons Lobby for families with children 10 and under. Box includes activities, supplies, devotionals, and hands-on exercises 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- Remaining Dates: March 15, 22, 29. *Hear special testimonies of reaching through the dark to the light.*
- **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 – remaining dates: **March 16, 23, 30**. We’ll be done in time to view the 15-minute Thursday Prayer Service at 7:00 pm (Zoom).
- **TODAY:** [How We Love](#) - This couples' study is designed to strengthen your marriage and explore five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication. Sign up on our [Adult Spiritual Formation page](#) or from the Church Center app. 9:45 am, **Hayes Room**. Ends **April 2**.
- **TODAY:** [The Book of Acts](#) - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. This 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. 9:45 am in **FH Hall A**. EXTENDED: Ends **May 21**.
- [Lent Book Study](#) -- For Lent 2023, we are reading Bruce Main’s book, “*Why Jesus Crossed the Road.*” Books (\$11) can be purchased online or at the church. [See our Events page](#). SIGN UP online, or right from your Church Center app.
- **Easter flower orders are due March 19**. See order forms in *Connections* **March 12 and 19**. The Deacons are seeking volunteers to help with Easter Flower deliveries on Easter Sunday, April 9th. This is a wonderful way to show our love to some of our less mobile members and brighten their Easter Day. If you can help, please contact Deacon Vicki Terry (vickiterry633@gmail.com), Deacon Rachel Long (rchumney@gmail.com) or Jan Martin in the church office (856) 235-1611.
- **Easter Candy Donations, Egg Hunt** – 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 am). Drop off by **March 15**. Don’t forget your basket for the Easter egg hunt! 😊
- **One Great Hour of Sharing offering** will be on Palm Sunday April 2. Children may return their fish banks at both services. Adults: please use the drop down for electronic giving for One Great Hour of Sharing or special pew envelopes that will be available. Please mark OGHS in the memo field on checks.
- COMING: Palm Sunday Concert **April 2:** Haydn’s “Theresa” Mass. Tickets: www.wjcms.org or at the door.
- [SIGN UP for our Couples Retreat](#) **May 19-21, 2023** in Cape May. \$450/couple. See our event page, app.
- Send your kids to summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See our event page for all the fun!](#)