



Sunday, March 26, 2023 ~ Fifth 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

From: "Mass of the Parishes"

F. Couperin

Kyrie – Plein Chant en Taille

Kyrie – Plein Chant

*Call to Worship

Elder Paul Booker

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship and adore God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Booker

*Hymn No. 222

Nature With Open Volume Stands

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Booker

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

O Sinner Man

Spiritual, Arr. Jane Emery

Chapel Choir

Oh, sinner man, where you gonna run to? All on that day?
Run to the moon, moon won't you hide me?
Run to the sea, sea won't you hide me?
Run to the sun, sun won't you hide me? All on that day?

But the Lord said, "No! sinner man, the moon'll be a-bleeding.
No! sinner man, the sea'll be a sinking.
No! sinner man, the sun'll be a-freezing. All on that day.

Run sinner man, Oh, run away and hide
Run to the Lord. Lord, won't You hide me? All on that day.
But the Lord says: "Sinner man. You should-s been a-praying."
All on that day.

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Kyrie

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Merbecke

Chapel Choir

Assurance of Pardon

My dear and beloved friends in Christ, this Good News is for all the world: Jesus was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

By the rich grace of God will be trust and accept this Good News. Amen!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Allen

continued

Way of the Week #20: Find Strength in Belonging

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

Ideas for Action (try to do this by 12 noon Tuesday): Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a small group, a class or a committee. We need you, and you need us.

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, Piano

All Things Work Together

Lynn Baily

Choristers

All things work together to those who love the Lord,
and are called by grace to purpose and place while trusting in God's Word.
It may bring joy, it may bring pain, it may bring sunshine or rain.
No matter what happens, no matter the test, we trust in God to work for the best.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Judea: Who Exactly is My Neighbor?"

Scripture Text: Luke 10: 25-37 (page 71 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 429

Let Your Hearts Be Broken

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

From: "Mass for the Convents" (Deo Gratias)

F. Couperin

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Paul Booker)

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Booker; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, John Miller, Paul Grossmann; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Caroline Joyce; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given by Sheila Schneider to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Fran Schneider. In addition, communion table flowers are from Renee Slemmer and Family in loving memory of Carl W. Slemmer.

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

- **Wednesday Evening Lenten Prayer Service**, "Light in the Darkness," 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Remaining Date: **March 29**. *Hear special testimonies of reaching through the dark to the light. March 29: Jess Zorn*
- **Thursdays in Lent (Zoom)**: 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 date: **March 30**.
- 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.
- **Children's Easter Egg Hunt (ages 0-10) – Saturday, April 1** (10:30 am). Don't forget your basket! 😊 No cost for the egg hunt, canned food donations welcome!
- **Adult Spiritual Formation (Sundays 9:45-10:45 am)**: Our [How We Love](#) couples' study (Hayes Room) ends **April 2**. [The Book of Acts](#) study is extended until **May 21**. No class on April 9. Meets in FH Hall A. Please [register online](#) or through the Church Center app.
- **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.*
- **Maundy Thursday Drama: Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm** in Miller Commons. This unique service features dramatic readings and personal narratives as actors recreate "being there" for the Last Supper.
- Good Friday April 7 offers two worship opportunities. At noon, we will host the Moorestown Ministerium's interfaith **Community Good Friday Service** in our outdoor Courtyard. At 7:30 pm in our sanctuary, we will present our **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** which moves us from light into dark on the day of the crucifixion. See our [website](#) and *Lent Resource Guide* for information.
- **Easter Worship Services April 9**: 6:30 am Sunrise Service (Cemetery Cross), 8:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). He is Risen! Alleluia!
- COMING: Palm Sunday Concert **April 2 (7:30 pm)**: Haydn's "Theresa" Mass. TICKETS: www.wjcms.org or at the door; features West Jersey Chamber Orchestra & Chorale and the FPC Moorestown Adult Choir
- [SIGN UP for our Couples Retreat](#) **May 19-21, 2023** in Cape May. \$450/couple. See our event page, app.
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- We are looking for individuals high school or older to learn our **live stream system and audio** for our Sunday morning broadcasts. We will train! Help us continue our live stream ministry. [See event page](#).