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Sunday, November 5, 2023 ~ The Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Communion

Bingham

Introit

Jesus, Stand Among Us

Ambrose

Adult Choir

Jesus, stand among us in Thy risen power; Let this time us worship be a hallowed hour. Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart. Amen

*Call to Worship

Elder Pam Engle

We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be God's servants in the service of all, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join Christ in his passion and victory.

"Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God."

All who love are born of God and know God. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Engle

*Hymn No. 799

God Himself is With Us

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession Elder Engle

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Engle

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Engle

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of grace and mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the holly spirit.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Anthem Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Every Good Gift

Stevens

Chapel Choir

Every good gift comes from God.

Trust His word and walk by faith, by faith and not by sight.

He is the giver of every good gift, in Him we will delight.

Every good gift comes from God.

Do not be deceived by sin, for God is always right.

There is no shadow of turning in Him, in Him we will delight.

Every good gift comes from God.

We will come into His presence with songs of highest praise.

He is the giver of Grace and mercy, and His love we proclaim.

Every good gift comes from God.

Trust His word and walk by faith, by faith and not by sight.

He is the giver of every good gift, in Him we will delight.

Every good gift comes from God.

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth with Love

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

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 <u>automatic withdrawal</u> 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

Thee We Adore

Candyln

Adult Choir

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon Rev. Wes Allen

"Burning Hearts"

Scripture: Luke 24: 28-35 (Pew Bible page 90 NT)

Sermon Series: "Hearts On Fire"

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Allen, Elders

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 446 (see insert)

Adoro Te

Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Nixon

Benediction and Going Forth; Ways Video (Dr. Amit Joshi)

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Pam Engle; Communion Elders: Paul Booker, Pam Engle, Frank Manion, Gayle Payne, Kristen Perkowski, Melody Ransom; Audio Technician: Harris Ransom; Live Stream Technician: Jonathan Nawrocki; Flower Arrangers: JoAnn Reynik and Karen Arsenault; Ushers: Paul Lewis, Joe Scheideler, Leonard Fitts; Trustee Greeter: Mike Welch; Sanctuary Greeter: Stephen Minister Doris Kahley; Check-In Volunteer: Deacon Janet D'Angelo; Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe; Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Daniel Wilt by Susan Wilt and Family.

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

<u>Young Musicians Concert: On Sunday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 pm</u>, *Special Events* presents local young, gifted musicians performing songs and instrumental works all to the glory of God. Choristers and Chapel Choirs will be featured.

It's shoe box time. Pick up your <u>Operation Christmas Child box</u> in the Commons Lobby and see directions for returning BY **Tuesday, Nov. 14**. Brighten a child's day at the holidays. We are excited to be a community drop off location and need volunteers as greeters, runners and Prayer Warriors. Sign up online or with Linda Jagiela.

<u>PW Holiday Bazaar</u> is coming **Saturday, Nov. 11** (10 am-3 pm). <u>See our event page!</u> Please leave gently used treasures in the Commons Lobby, sign up to help, and pray for the success of our endeavor. Proceeds support local ministries serving women and children in acute need. Come shop for new finds and bargains galore.

Martin Bass Retirement -- It is with both gratitude and sadness that we announce the upcoming retirement of our contemporary Worship Leader, Martin Bass. Martin will be concluding his six-year tenure as the Worship Leader on Sunday, November 26th. Martin's journey with us has been nothing short of remarkable, marked by dedication, passion and an unwavering commitment to excellence. You are invited to join us on Martin's final Sunday to express your appreciation and well wishes. We encourage congregants to bring in cards and notes of appreciation for Martin and his wife, Christine Bass, who too has been an integral part of our Praise and Worship Band. On this special day, a love gift will be collected for Martin and we encourage any checks or financial gifts be made directly to him. See our event page for a letter from Pastor Wes Allen.

THANK YOU to everyone who has dedicated their 2024 financial commitments. We've received 156 pledges as of Nov. 3. Our goal is to have each member respond. Last year we received 196 pledges. **Budget work is underway, and we ask that all estimates be returned this week.** Kindly submit <u>securely online</u>, mail, drop off at church, call in, or place in the offering plate.

Thursday Evening Prayer (7 pm live stream): Our Pastors lead this pre-recorded 15-minute service. Do you have a prayer request, joy or a concern? Email or text the church staff by **9:00 am Wednesday**.

NEW: We are forming a Kitchen Committee to ensure that the church's kitchen is kept neat and organized and foods left in the kitchen are either used or disposed of properly. We will meet once a month for an hour or two and give the kitchen and supplies a quick overhaul. Please contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 am) – Sermon on the Mount series concludes Nov. 19. On Nov. 26 we will feature a special forum summarizing the recent Grow The Kingdom strategy meetings. On Dec. 3, 10 and 17, Lissa Herman leads a new Advent study. Watch for details and sign up information.

<u>DBS Refresher</u> -- A refresher class is planned **Nov. 18** for all who have done the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) leadership training as well as anyone who is interested in learning more about this program to make disciples and help others learn more about God. <u>Sign up online</u>. Light breakfast. Contact Pam Engle or Joyce Peacock.

Christmas Poinsettia Sales November 5, 12, 19. Look for order forms in worship guides and online in our Friday eblast and event pages. Plants are \$15. Orders and payment are due by Sunday, Nov. 19. For questions contact Frances Chavarria in the church office.

Longest Night Service -- This unique service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression this holiday season who may not feel the joy or celebration seen in others. This service will be held on **Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** and include communion. If you know someone you would like us to invite to this service, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office so we may send them an invitation letter. Contact Alison at amackey@fpcmoorestown.org or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 113.