



## Sunday, November 12, 2023 ~ Sacrament of Holy Baptism

9:00 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

### Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

- LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

**Ideas for Action:** Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Amit Joshi, Piano

*Italian Concerto, 2<sup>nd</sup> movement in D minor (Andante)*

J.S. Bach BWV 971

### Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Christ is the World's Light*

Paris Antiphons 1681

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Christ is the World's light, Christ and none other; Born in our darkness, He became our brother  
If we have seen Him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high.

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

What does the Holy One require of us?  
**To be just, kind and humble before God.**  
Give thanks to God with your whole heart.  
**Great are the works of the Lord.**  
Now faith, hope and love abide;  
**And the greatest of these is love.**

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Payne

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## \*Hymn No. 29

### ***O Worship the King***

*\*\*\*Seating interlude*

## Call to Confession

Elder Payne

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## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Payne

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Lord, help us to be people known for the ways in which we live out our faith by loving and serving all people, even those who, in the world's eyes, have little to offer us. By treating them with dignity and respect, we demonstrate that a different kind of kingdom is at work in this world. It is not a kingdom of tit-for-tat, where relationships are seen as commodities for exploration and advancement, but rather it is a world where we see the value in each human life, no matter their circumstances. Forgive us Lord for gravitating to the world instead of Your kingdom and help us, through Your Spirit, to follow your will and participate in the building of Your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Payne

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Friends, know this good news! We may grow weary, we may grow tired and indifferent, but Your Holy Spirit breathes new life into the very depths of our being, restoring us to lives that reflect Your profound goodness. **We give thanks to God for His grace and mercy!**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Allen, Rick Dougherty

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### ***Baptism of Lane Gregory Cole***

Parents: Jenna and Greg Cole; big sister Brynn

### ***Baptism of Richard Joseph Sakowski***

Parents: Cally and Paul Sakowski

**RESPONSE:** *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* (Hymn No. 470)

Congregation Sings

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!  
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory

Rev. Allen



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## Offertory Music

### **Lord, There is None Like Thee**

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Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Lord, there is none like Thee, for Thou art great and doest wondrous things, for Thou art God alone.

Yea, I will walk in Thy truth, O Lord, with my heart I will praise Thee.

I will praise and glorify Thy name forevermore. There is none like Thee, O Lord.

- Psalm 86: 8, 10,11

## \*Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

### **"Hearts Undivided"**

**Scripture:** Psalm 86: 8-13 (Pew Bible page 544 OT)

**Sermon Series:** "Hearts On Fire"

## \*Hymn No. 52

### **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### **Trumpet Tune**

Telemann

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Bryan Gaskill)

Rev. Allen

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Acolyte:** Noah Olsen; **Beadle:** Elder Gayle Payne; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Lisa Heisler; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Barry Leatherman, John Miller; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers needed*)

**Worship flowers** are given by the Sinunu Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack with thanksgiving for his life.

**Holiday Schedule** – The church office will be closed from 1:00 pm **Wednesday, Nov. 22** through **Nov. 26**. There will be no kids/youth groups or Family Dinner Thanksgiving week. Thanksgiving blessings from your church staff.

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

**NEW:** We are excited this year to be a community drop off location for Operation Christmas Child and need volunteers as Greeters, Runners, Prayer Warriors and Youth/Volunteers. There are opportunities for every schedule. [Sign up online](#) for a shift or two or contact Linda Jagiela. **See insert in today's worship guide for details.**

**Pick up a Thanksgiving postcard** during worship **Sunday, Nov. 19** to mail to someone for whom you are grateful. Way 4: Always Encourage and Celebrate. Take postcards home and mail or address and leave in the church office to mail. *Postcards mailed from the church office will be mailed on Monday, Nov. 20 so they arrive by Thanksgiving.*

**Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 am)** – Sermon on the Mount series concludes **Nov. 19**. On **Nov. 26** all are invited to a [Grow The Kingdom Town Hall Meeting](#) summarizing recent *Grow The Kingdom* strategy meetings. Read a letter from Pastor Stuart on the event page/eblast.

**Martin Bass Retirement** -- Martin Bass will be concluding his six-year tenure as our Worship Leader on **Sunday, November 26th**. 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 Band. A love gift will be collected and we encourage any checks or financial gifts be made directly to Martin. [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 167 pledges as of November 10 en route to our goal of each member responding. Last year we received 196 pledges. Budget work for 2024 is underway, and we ask that all estimates be returned this week.

**Advent Experience Boxes** -- See our event page for information on Advent Experience Boxes (available beginning **Wednesday, Nov. 29**). The Advent Experience Box includes everything families need to make the countdown to Christmas meaningful and enjoyable — Scripture readings, activities, discussion questions, prayers, crafts and more all in one box! *One box per family please.*

**NEW: "The Miracle of Jesus: A Christmas Event for Families"** -- Have you ever wondered what it was like when Jesus was born? Be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Stroll through exciting shoppes and sites in Bethlehem, meeting friends of Jesus who share amazing details about his birth and life. Families of all ages will be amazed at the authentic, multisensory experiences they'll find in this village. The event is free but please REGISTER on our event page to attend. **Saturday, Dec. 2 from 2:00-3:30 pm**

**Would your family like to light one of the Advent wreaths during Advent?** The Worship Committee is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for Advent **December 3, 10, 17 and 24**, as well as four Christmas Eve services. Contact Paul Booker at [pbooker31@gmail.com](mailto:pbooker31@gmail.com) or (856) 816-5121.

**DBS Refresher** -- 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. [Sign up online](#). Light breakfast. Contact Pam Engle or Joyce Peacock.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due Nov. 19.** Look for order forms in worship guides and online. 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](mailto:amackey@fpcmoorestown.org) or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 113.*