



**Sunday, November 26, 2023** ~ Christ the King Sunday; Thank you Martin Bass  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

### Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week Video – Mike Baker

Rev. Allen

- 5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

**Ideas for Action:** Take a “criticism inventory.” Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.

### Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

Children of God: welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**we are welcome, just as we are. We are loved just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***The Lion and the Lamb***

***This Is Our God***

### Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

## Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

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## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy Lord, we confess that at times we are more concerned with ourselves than with those You place in our lives. We turn a blind eye to those in need; and we hold tightly to those things with which You have blessed us, never considering that You have called us to give that blessing to others. Lord, soften our hearts so that we can learn to see those You have put in our path and to love them with the love that You have shown to us. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first. Hear us now as we offer up those things that our lips tremble to name.

*Silence for personal confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

May the God of mercy, Who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

**Amen. As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, He also forgives our sins and gives us new life.**

## Greeting

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## Welcome New Members (SEE INSERT)

Revs. Allen & Spencer

Welcome to the newest members of our church family: **Alene Dover, Brian Dover, Jeff Erbig, Karen Erbig, Bill Pettit, Carolyn Pettit, and Jeffrey Sapp**. On October 22, 2023 these members of the Fall Inquirers class presented their individual statements of faith to Session and were officially received into membership.

## Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

Rev. Spencer

***I Surrender***

Worship Team

## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

***Your Second Act***

Scripture Text: Acts 9: 1-19a

Sermon Series: Hearts on Fire

## Closing Song

Worship Team

***You Are Holy***

## Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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**Today's worship flowers** are given with great thanksgiving for the members and families of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

**Nursery care** is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist. *Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.*

## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keys; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Michelle Davis, Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Matthew Miller
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
<b>Usher:</b>	Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-in:</b>	Bobbi Voglesong
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

### FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS October 22, 2023

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We announce the retirement of **Martin Bass**. *You are invited* to join us on Martin's final Sunday, Nov. 26 to express your appreciation and well wishes. We encourage congregants to bring in cards and notes of appreciation for Martin and his wife, Christine, who has also been an integral part of worship, playing the keyboard and providing vocals on Sunday mornings. On this special day, a love gift will be collected for Martin. Any checks or financial gifts should be made directly to him.

**"The Miracle of Jesus: A Christmas Event for Families"**: Be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. 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 p.m.**

**Adult Spiritual Formation** (10:15-11:15 a.m.): On **Dec. 3, 10 and 17**, Lissa Herman leads an Advent study, "A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus." [See Church Center Event page to SIGN UP online.](#)

**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. It will be held on **Sunday, December 10** at **7:00 p.m.** and include communion.

Pick up a hard copy or download your [2023 Advent Activity Guide](#) detailing activities of the season, and [Advent Devotional](#) prepared by the Prayer and Discipleship Committee.



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**FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES** (See Prayer page on website for links)

- **Mondays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading - Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Live stream Prayer Service (*praying for our church and discipleship*)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Prayer on the Porch – Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays June-Sept.*)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** – After Traditional Worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
- **Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats** to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- **Prayer Vigils** - sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.