



Sunday, December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week Video – Kelly Sponseller

Rev. Allen

- 7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY; SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY.** Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others, and consider how to use their ideas.

Ideas for Action: Seek out someone from a different background, culture, or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Come Lord, Jesus (Even So Come)
Great Things

Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Ken Chen & Winnie Jiang

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

We come to You, O God, to thank You for what is good.

We come to You, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to You, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

We come to You, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship God.

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Glorious Day

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs,
God of abundance and grace:
You know us well, better than we know ourselves.
You hear us cry “Gloria!” and “Praise!”;
and You watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds.
You hear us say “Thy will be done” and “use me, O God”;
and You watch us do nothing in response to cries for help.
You know us, and You love us, and You forgive.
Hear us now say, “Help us to change; turn us around.
Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful.”
This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Friends, hear the Good News: “God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world, but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through Him.” Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen.

*Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Presentation of Manger Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Rev. Spencer, Rev. Allen

*Worshippers may bring their gifts forward to be blessed. Later today your Christmas gifts will be taken to [Oaks Integrated Care](#) for their clients to use as gifts for their own families. **TODAY** (Dec. 10 only): **envelopes for the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering**. THANK YOU for your faithfulness in remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Take advantage of secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. Mail offerings to P. O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.*

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Advent Hymn

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Ain’t Nobody

Scripture Text: [Matthew 8:1-4](#)

Sermon Series: *Moving into the Neighborhood: When the Word Became Flesh*

Closing Song

Worship Team

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Andy Cross-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Cheryl Stevens, Steve Drzaszcz, Winnie Jiang-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Martha Derry
Usher:	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Welch
Check-in:	Jess Zorn
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Glenn & Millie Wilson, on their wedding anniversary (Dec. 10) by Becky & Diego Castellanos.

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.

Manger Sunday is **December 10**. We will collect unwrapped gifts for Oaks Integrated Care.

Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 a.m.): On Dec. 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 seen in others. It will be held on **Sunday, December 10** at **7:00 p.m.** and include communion.

Advent Experience Box: 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.*

WJCMS Christmas Concert – Sunday, December 17 at **7:30 p.m.:** Joyous selections from composers new and old, including Mark Shepperd's *A Carol Fantasy*, sung by the West Jersey Chamber Chorale and highlighted by the Timberdale Brass. Tickets are \$28 (\$20 for Seniors or Students over 18). Children 18 and under are Free. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at <https://wjcms.org/concerts/>.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Schedule: **December 23** - 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship; **December 24** - Worship at 11:00 a.m. (Lessons & Carols), 4:00 p.m. Family Service, 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service (Commons), 8:30 p.m. Communion Service, and 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols preceded by 10:40 pm Chapel Choir concert. On Christmas Day, there will be a 9:30 a.m. Worship Service led by Dr. Jonathan Miller.

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 (*1st & 3rd 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.