



January 7, 2024 ~ Baptism of the Lord, The Lord's Supper

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

*please stand as you are able

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #11: Make Others at Home Here

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist

J.S. Bach BWV 614

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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J.S. Bach

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

*Das alte Jahr vergangen ist,
Wir danken dir Herr Jesu Christ,
Dass du uns in so grosser G'fahr.
So gnädiglich behüt dies Jahr,*

The old year has passed away,
We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ
That You, in such great danger, us
So mercifully protected this year.

*Call to Worship

Elder Sarah Rotter

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Maker of heaven and earth.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth,

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rotter

*Hymn No. 370

God of Our Life

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Elder Rotter

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Rotter

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Today we will trust and cling to the Gospel, the good of our faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst, Arr. Forrest

Adult Choir

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him – give my heart.

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Offertory

Rev. Allen

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Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

Auf ein altes Bild (On An Old Painting)

Hugo Wolf

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

*In Grüner Landschaft Sommerflor,
Bei kühlen Wasser Schilf und Rohr,
Schau wie das Knäblein Sündelos frei
Spielet auf der Jungfrau Schoss!*

In the green flowering summer landscape,
By cool water reeds and straw,
See how the sin-free little boy
Plays upon the virgin's lap.

Continued

Und dort im Walde wonnesam
Ach, grünet schon das Kreuzes Stamm!

And there in the blissful woods
Ah! is the green stem of the cross.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“The Kingdom Has Arrived”

Scripture: Mark 1: 14-20 (Pew Bible page 34 NT)

Sermon Series: *“Grow The Kingdom”*

*Hymn No. 78 (verses 1 – 2)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Lord’s Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our highest joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. We praise you, because you sent Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us of Mary, that we might be delivered from sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you always:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 78 (verses 3-5)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

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Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Alecia Connlain)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Sarah Rotter; **Communion Elders:** Sarah Rotter, Jim Wiggans, Lorenzo Eagles, Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Debbie Heller; **Trustee Greeter:** Paul Lewis; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Doris Kahley; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum

Worship flowers today are given by Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams in loving memory of Harry Knowles.

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

TONIGHT: Moravian Love Feast Concert: Please join us on **Sunday, January 7, 2024** at 7:30 p.m. for a Moravian Love Feast concert featuring the Choristers (grades 5-8), Chapel Choir (grades 9- 12) and Adult Choir. Choirs will perform carols, songs, and anthems of the season in the historical Moravian tradition including corporate sharing of singing, Christmas cookies and fellowship to celebrate Epiphany.

2023 Annual Report, Meeting -- Ministry area leaders are asked to provide a report summarizing their area's highlights and activities for the 2023 Annual Report. Please email to Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org by **Friday, January 12**.

NEW: MLK Celebration & Day of Service -- The Moorestown Ministerium, an ecumenical leadership of area pastors, invites you to a [Celebration and Worship Service](#) on **Sunday, January 14** at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, honoring the legacy and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King. [See our event page for information](#). Following the service, we will have a coffee and finger dessert reception and work on six service projects. ***Volunteers are needed to make or donate desserts, set up, make coffee, man the tables, and clean up. If you can assist, please email Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org and let her know how you can help.***

Winter Gathering – All women of the church are invited to the PW Winter Gathering on **Tuesday, Jan. 16** at 10:00 AM hosted by Presbyterian Women. There will be a speaker followed by a soup lunch. Warm your soul and your body, and please bring white **cotton socks** to warm the feet of clients at the Christian Caring Center. Please register online.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ~ **Friday, Jan. 26** from 1-6 pm (Miller Commons); sign up to give with Debbie Heller at 856-273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net, or visit redcrossblood.org/give.

January 28, 2024 is Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Deacons. Your contributions to Church World Service support families around the world recovering from disasters and displacement, and rebuild viable, sustainable lives. Just \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless. Look for special envelopes at both services. Give easily online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving - choose Blanket Sunday from the drop down list. **NOTE: This is not a blanket collection; please do not bring blankets to donate to the church.**

Painting Party Fundraiser -- The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden hosts a fundraiser **Sunday, January 28th** from 2:00-4:30 pm. All supplies provided. Artist Alex Wilkie will lead up to 10 people in painting a still life or scene from our church grounds. Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up directly with Leslie Spencer at spencer@rowan.edu or call/text (215) 584-7659 by **January 25th** to reserve your spot. *Reservations are required, space is limited.*

NEW: Women's Half Day of Prayer: Sat. January 20 from 8:00 am-noon. Experience the joy and wonder of spending special time alone with God as we gratefully enter the New Year to seek His intent for our lives. Women high school age or older and friends are most welcome. Sign up online; facilitated by Arlita Winston and Joyce Peacock. Overview and guides will be provided in advance. Location: FPC campus. [Online registration OPEN.](#)

NEW: Men's Half Day of Prayer: Sat. January 27, 2024, 8:30 am-noon. -- The men of FPC Moorestown gather for morning of prayer featuring breakfast, worship, sharing and prayer. If praying is a new or unfamiliar spiritual practice, join Pastors Allen and Spencer and begin your prayer journey. Sons of high school age or older and friends are most welcome. [Sign up online.](#) Location: FPC Moorestown campus. [Online registration OPEN.](#)

2024 Couples Retreat -- Invest in your marriage! Join us **April 26-28** for FPC Moorestown's Couples' Retreat to Cape May, NJ. We will stay at The Dormer House, a quaint B&B in historic Cape May. Cost is \$450 per couple: includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday. Early Bird Registration of \$400 available through January 31, 2024. Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit. Must be paid in full by April 19, 2024.