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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



Sunday, January 7, 2024 ~ Baptism of the Lord 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week Video – Alecia Connlain

Rev. Allen

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome 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.

Ideas for Action: Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal, and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the visitor at our church and offer your name with a smile of welcome. Stay open to adding a new friend.

Songs of Praise Worship Team

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
You Are Good

Call to Worship (responsive)

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:

Through our Savior and Lord Jesus, we are welcome just as we are. We are loved just as we are. In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Wow Moments Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

Song of Praise Worship Team

Great Things

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Spencer

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Rev. Spencer

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters of the Most High God. God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who call out 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave but God's child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir."

In Christ, we are forgiven, adopted into God's family, heirs to the Kingdom. Hallelujah, Amen!

*Greeting Rev. Spencer

Offering Ourselves to God

Rev. Spencer



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Song of Praise Worship Team

Great Things

Sermon Rev. Spencer

The Kingdom Has Arrived

Scripture Text: Mark 1:14-20
Sermon Series: Grow the Kingdom

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Song

Worship Team

Revelation Song

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen-Guitar; Andy Cross, Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Kalane Williams-

Bass; Norm Dorell-Drums; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Michelle Davis, Winnie

Jiang, Steve Drzaszcz-Vocals

Audio Technician: Taylor Adair Live Stream Technician: Matthew Miller

Visuals: Jen Allen

Flower Arrangers: JoAnn Reynik and Debbie Heller Usher: Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath

Trustee Greeter: Rich Corbin Check-in: Gail Sorin

Hostess: Chelsea Margerum **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nathan Lee in celebration of his birthday (Jan. 7) by Gail and Greg Sorin.

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.

<u>Moravian Love Feast</u>: Please join us **TONIGHT** at **7:00** for a Moravian Love Feast featuring the Choristers, Chapel and Adult Choirs. Choirs will perform carols, songs, and anthems of the season in context of historical Moravian tradition: corporate sharing of singing, Christmas cookies, and fellowship to celebrate Epiphany.

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

MLK Celebration & Service Opportunity: The Moorestown Ministerium, an ecumenical leadership of area Pastors, warmly invites you to a *Celebration and Worship Service* on **Sunday, January 14** at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary, honoring the legacy and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King. See our Events page for information. There will be hands-on mission opportunities in the Commons after the worship service.

<u>Winter Gathering</u>: All women of the church are invited to the PW Winter Gathering on **Tuesday, January 16** at 10:00 AM. There will be a speaker followed by a soup lunch. Please bring white **cotton socks** to warm the feet of clients at the Christian Caring Center. Register your attendance on the Church Center Events page https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2057994.

2024 Couples' Retreat: 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. Cost is \$450 per couple: includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday. <u>Early Bird Registration of \$400 available through January 31</u>. *Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit*.

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.