



## January 14, 2024 ~ 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 & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Way of the Week #12: Own Our Church

**12. OWN OUR CHURCH.** The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

*Pastel on: "Steal Away to Jesus"*

Callahan

### Introit

**Great Day, the Righteous Marching**

Spiritual

Adult Choir; Janet Wilkie, Soprano

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Wes Allen

Good morning! Welcome to this sacred place:

**A house of prayer for many people; home to all who enter.**

Welcome, each one, to this gathering place:

**Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, there is room for all.**

Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning, all who hunger, all who thirst for fullness of life.

**Generous God, gracious Jesus, touch us through your Spirit.**

Let us worship God!

### \*Prayer of Adoration

## \*Hymn No. 95

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### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

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Elder Frank Manion

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for sending the Savior, Jesus, to call us from death to life. We admit that many of our old, deadly ways still cling to us. There are old habits we cannot throw off, old customs that are too much a part of our lives. We feel helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us the strength, Lord God, to break the bonds of selfishness and pride; courage to take risks for others, and faith that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Time of silent and personal prayer*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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Elder Manion

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive it; no hurt so great that God cannot heal it; and no person who is too far from God's loving reach.

**We will not doubt, but trust that God accepts us, God forgives us, and God sets us free. Amen.**

## \*Confession of Faith – The Apostles Creed (words inside front cover of blue hymnal)

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## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Spencer, Elder Manion

#### **Baptism of Aliya Alene Dover, Child of God**

Parents: Alene and Brian Dover

**RESPONSE:** *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* (Hymn No. 470, v. 1, 2 )

Congregation Sings

### Solo

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Joel Krott, Piano

#### **I Want Jesus to Walk With Me**

Spiritual, Arr. Boatner

Frank Mitchell, Bass

I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim's journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me, when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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

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Rev. Spencer

## Offertory

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## Offertory Music

Karen Molloy, Piano

### *Ain't-a That Good News*

Spiritual, Arr. Dilworth

Adult Choir

I've got a crown up in a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news.  
I'm gonna lay down this world. I'm Gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
I'm gonna take it home-a to me Jesus, ain't-a that good news.

I've got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news  
I'm gonna lay down this world. I'm Gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
I'm gonna take it home-a to me Jesus, ain't-a that good news.

I've got a home up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news  
I've got I'm gonna lay down this world. I'm Gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
I'm gonna take it home-a to me Jesus, ain't-a that good news.

## \*Doxology No. 809

Karen Molloy

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### *"Take a Number"*

**Scripture:** Mark 10: 35-45 (Pew Bible page 47 NT)

**Sermon Series:** "Grow The Kingdom"

## \*Hymn No. 563

### *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

## Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

### *Postlude on "Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart"*

Callahan

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Adrienne Barr)

Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Frank Manion; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Owen Dietz; **Flower Arrangers:** Martha Derry and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Lissa Herman; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Diane Samuel; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers are needed to support*)

**Worship flowers** today are given by Gail and Greg Sorin in loving memory of Nathan Lee Sorin and in celebration of Nate's birthday January 7. **The rose on the altar** this morning is in honor of the baptism of Aliya Alene Dover.

**Grow the Kingdom Resources:** First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown is called to grow the Kingdom of God. For additional information on the Kingdom of God, along with information on how we can grow the Kingdom visit: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>

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

**TODAY: MLK Worship & Day of Service** -- The Moorestown Ministerium invites you to an ecumenical [Celebration & Worship Service](#) at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. [See event page](#). *Afterwards we will enjoy desserts and work on six service projects in Miller Commons. **Volunteers are needed** to make or donate desserts, set up, make coffee, staff the tables, and clean up. If you can assist, please email Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org) and let her know how you can help.*

**Adult Spiritual Formation: 1 Corinthians study** begins **Sunday, Jan. 14** (10:15 am, Fellowship Hall) led by Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles and Paul Gordon. Indicate interest online.

**Where We Have Served: The PW Winter Gathering**, on **Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 10 am**, will feature members of FPC Moorestown sharing different ways they serve the community, both locally and globally. Come listen and enjoy a bowl of soup! Warm your soul and your body; please bring white **cotton socks** to warm the feet of clients at the Christian Caring Center. Please register on the Church Center event page.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** ~ **Friday, Jan. 26 from 11 am – 4 pm** (Miller Commons); sign up to give with Debbie Heller at 856-273-6838 or [dheller374@comcast.net](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net), or visit [redcrossblood.org/give](http://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. Look for special envelopes or give easily online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving) - choose Blanket Sunday from the drop down.

**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 with Leslie Spencer at [spencer@rowan.edu](mailto:spencer@rowan.edu) or call/text (215) 584-7659 by **January 25th** to reserve your spot. *Reservations required, space is limited.*

Become a **shareholder** of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden; only 5 shares available! Visit online at <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/2098356/details>.

On **Sunday, January 21st**, we are hosting the first ever [High School Mid Term Exam Study Session!](#) From 2-4 pm, our church will be the perfect place for students grades 9-12 to study for their mid-term exams. Take advantage of quiet study spaces, group study rooms, and brain breaks (food, games, even Sunday's NFL game on the big screen!). We've asked Moorestown High School teachers to come too to help out. So if you are looking for a good place to get some serious studying done, try FPC Moorestown on Sunday, January 21st!

**NEW: January Prayer Events** -- 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. High school age or older and friends. Overview and guides will be provided in advance. SIGN UP ONLINE: [Women's Half Day of Prayer: Sat. January 20 from 8:00 am-noon](#) (Arlita Winston, Joyce Peacock lead) or [Men's Half Day of Prayer; Sat. January 27, 2024, 8:30 am-noon](#) (Stuart Spencer, Wes Allen lead).

**2024 Couples Retreat** -- Invest in your marriage. Join us **April 26-28** for FPC Moorestown's Couples' Retreat. We will stay at The Dormer House B&B in Cape May, NJ. Cost: \$450/couple, includes breakfast, 2 nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner Saturday. [Early Bird Registration of \\$400 available through Jan. 31, 2024.](#) *Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit. Must be paid in full by April 19, 2024.*

[The Annual Meeting of the Congregation](#) will be held **Sunday, Feb. 4** following the 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service. The Deacons are coordinating a Covered Dish Luncheon, [please bring a dish to share](#) based on the first letter of your last name. Copies of the Annual Report will be available Sunday, Jan. 28 online and at church.