



January 21, 2024 ~ Third Sunday After Epiphany

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 #13: Open Doors for Others to Lead

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Trois Oraisons pour Orque Op. 94 No. 1

Guilmant

*Call to Worship

Elder Jim Wiggans

We are gathered once again to hear the good news of God's Kingdom being erected among us.

For our hearts to be filled with the love of the Father

For our actions to be shaped by the teaching of the Son

And for our words to be filled with the Spirit of hope

We come in our smallness

trusting that your love will continue to grow in our lives.

We come to praise you God, the giver of all good things

Fill our hearts with your love, so that it would overflow through us to all your people. Amen

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Wiggans

*Hymn No. 16

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Wiggans

Merciful Jesus, give us courage to deny privilege, to lay down favor and safety in order to take up the cross of opportunity and justice. Too often we fail to do this. Merciful Jesus, give us courage to deny consumerism to lay down convenience and gratification in order to take up the cross of sustainability and generosity. Too often we fail to do this. Merciful Jesus, give us courage to deny comfort to lay down apathy and ease in order to take up the cross of service and true love. Too often we fail to do this.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Wiggans

Merciful Jesus, our Savior and King, you forgive us and offer us a better way.
Reveal your true love in us and through us – our faith and works, prayer and action.
Now and forever, Amen.

*Confession of Faith

Elder Wiggans

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Anthem

Carol Manion, Piano

Thankful

Burrows

Choristers; Thanvi Pentapalli, Solo

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Meditation

Dare

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

*Doxology No. 809

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Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

“Our Prayer Excuses”

Scripture: Luke 11: 1-13 (Pew Bible page 72 NT)

Sermon Series: *Grow The Kingdom*

Visit our Grow The Kingdom webpage: <https://www.fpcmoores town.org/grow-the-kingdom/>

*Hymn No. 622

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright

Powell

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Jonathan & Karin Miller) Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolyte: Sofia de la Cruz; **Beadle:** Elder Jim Wiggans; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebeck, Brett Couvillion, Jim Clinton; **Flower Arrangers:** Carol Morgan and Stacy Schaffer; **3rd Sunday Deacon Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **3rd Sunday Flower Deliverer:** Vicki Terry; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jane Murphy; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Jason Rose; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers needed to support this ministry*)

Worship flowers today are given to the glory of God.



Registration is NOW OPEN for Step by Step Christian Preschool for 2024-25 classes.

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

TODAY: This afternoon we are hosting the first ever [High School Mid Term Exam Study Session!](#) From 2-4 pm, students grades 9-12 can enjoy quiet study spaces, group study rooms, and brain breaks (food, games, even Sunday's NFL game on the big screen) to prepare for mid-term exams. Several MHS teachers will come too to help out. If you're looking to get some serious studying done, try FPC Moorestown today! Friends welcome.

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



This year's [Lenten Small Group Study](#) explores "*Meeting Jesus at the Table.*" This 8-week study, beginning the week of February 11, is a meaningful and enriching journey exploring profound connections between Jesus and the act of sharing meals. We **are looking for a few more hosts**. Please visit the Signups tab in the Church Center app and complete our [Lenten Host Form](#) by **Wednesday, January 24** if you are able to host a Group. Sign-ups for specific Groups and book sales will be available shortly.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ~ **Friday, Jan. 26 from 11 am – 4 pm** (Miller Commons); Our country is facing a critical blood shortage. Sign up with Debbie Heller at 856-273-6838, 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. Look for special envelopes or give easily online at 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. 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, all supplies provided. Sign up with Leslie Spencer at spencer@rowan.edu or call/text (215) 584-7659 by **January 25th** to reserve your spot. *Reservations required.*

All five shares of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden have been sold! 😊

Men's Half Day of Prayer; Experience the joy and wonder of spending special time alone with God as we seek His intent for our lives. High school age or older and friends. SIGN UP ONLINE: **Sat. January 27, 2024, 8:30 am-noon** (Stuart Spencer, Wes Allen lead); breakfast, worship, sharing and prayer.

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 through Jan. 31, 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.

Ash Wednesday Worship on February 14th will begin the Season of Lent. Worship and the imposition of ashes will be offered at 7:00 pm. The First Sunday of Lent is February 18 (Communion served). Also watch for information on a Lent Activity for families.

Please support FPC Moorestown's February Food Drive collecting food for the Ministerium Food Pantry. Items may be left in the Commons Lobby **Feb. 1-29**. See event page for a suggested list of items. No expired food please.