



**Sunday, January 21, 2024** ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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### Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

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### Way of the Week Video – Jonathan & Karin Miller

Rev. Allen

**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.

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### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Blessed Be Your Name***  
***You Are Good***

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### Wow Moments

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### Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Rev. Allen

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.**

## Song of Praise

Worship Team

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### ***Graves into Gardens***

## Prayer of Adoration

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## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

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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.

*Silence for personal confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

Merciful Jesus, Our King and our Neighbor in Need: You forgive us and offer us a better way. Reveal Your true love in us and through us: Faith and Works, Prayer and Action **now and Forever. Amen.**

## \*Greeting

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## Sharing with Young Disciples

Holly Ascitutto

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## Offering Ourselves to God

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Thank you for your faithfulness in remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Take advantage of secure [automatic withdrawal](#), or donate easily via the Church Center app. If you're watching via live stream, you can take part and give online right now as well! When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.**

## Song of Praise

Worship Team

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### ***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)***

## Sermon

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### ***Our Prayer Excuses***

Scripture Text: [Luke 11:1-13](#)

Sermon Series: *Grow the Kingdom*

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

## Closing Song

Worship Team

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### ***How Great is Our God***

## Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Allen

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Worship Team:</b>	Wes Allen-Guitar; Andy Cross-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Tom McBride-Drums; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Michelle Davis, Steve Drzaszcz-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Matthew Miller
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Carol Morgan and Stacy Schaffer
<b>Usher:</b>	Dave Barr or Joann Reynik
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Wendy Dougherty
<b>Check-in:</b>	Kourtney de la Cruz
<b>Hostess:</b>	Chelsea Margerum
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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.

**Grow the Kingdom Resources:** When we believe the Gospel, we're stepping into something far bigger than ourselves. Therefore, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," we also offer the whole of our lives, individually and as a congregation, to the great task of growing the Kingdom. 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-kingcom/>.

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

**January 28** 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. Look for special envelopes at both Services. Give easily online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving). (*NOTE: This is not a blanket collection.*)

**Painting Party Fundraiser:** The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden hosts a fundraiser on Sunday, **January 28** from 2:00-4:30 p.m. 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](mailto:spencer@rowan.edu) or call/text 215-584-7659 by **January 25** to reserve your spot. *Reservations are required; space is limited.*

**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. Early-Bird Registration of \$400 available through January 31. *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 (*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.