



February 4, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday After Epiphany; Communion

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 #15: Welcome Change

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one to try. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Song of Healing

Alex Fazler, Harp

Koji Kondo

*Call to Worship

Elder Cheryl Gaskill

We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

We come with hope to this witness to God's power!

Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. Amen.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gaskill

*Hymn No. 85

Join All The Glorious Names

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Gaskill

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we have put ourselves and our own desires first. Therefore, we have sought power, money, and fame instead of seeking you. With sorry we repent and turn from our selfish ambition and ask for your forgiveness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may live for you and not for ourselves. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Gaskill

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Offertory



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate easily from your phone via the Church Center app for your offering and for your [Per Capita contribution](#) (due by **February 29**). If you're watching via live stream, you can give online right now as well! To mail offerings, send to P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual, Arr. Patterson

Chapel Choir; Ava Callahan, Alto

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"I Will Serve"

Scripture: John 13: 1-17 (Pew Bible page 107 NT)

Sermon Series: *Grow The Kingdom*

I will serve. With my time and using my talents, I participate in the ministry and mission of FPC Moorestown.

- Step 1: Offer my services for the work of the church by volunteering to help with a church program or ministry.
- Step 2: I seek to serve our community with acts of kindness and mercy through the guidance and direction of the Deacons and Mission Committee
 - Visit our Grow The Kingdom webpage: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

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 right, Loving God, that we lift up to you all thanks and praise

for the self-giving love that you lavish upon us. Today we remember, with reverence, the unshakeable love your Son had for his followers; how he lovingly washed their feet, demonstrating the kind of love that we are called to show one another.

Love is your supreme act of creation, a force that is unstoppable even in the face of betrayal and death.

Together, we declare your praise saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One 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. 835

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Music in Preparation for Service

Pie Jesu

Alex Fazler, Harp

Lloyd Webber

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Jonathan Leath)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Cheryl Gaskill; **Communion Elders:** Cheryl Gaskill, Matt Livingston, Frank Manion, Pam Engle; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Matt Miller; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** Matt Moxhay; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Cole; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Diane Samuel; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum

Worship flowers today are given by Barbara Lewis in loving memory of her husband, Allen Judson Lewis and to the glory of God.

Volunteers are needed to support the coffee hospitality. Please contact Chelsea Margerum or Jan Martin if you can periodically assist with this Sunday ministry.

LENTEN GROUP STUDIES BEGIN WEEK OF ASH WEDNESDAY

This year's [Lenten Small Group Study](#) explores "*Meeting Jesus at the Table.*" This 8-week study, which begins the week of February 11, is a meaningful and enriching journey exploring profound connections between Jesus and the act of sharing meals. Copies of the study book are available for \$13 in the Commons Lobby or in the church office.

SIGN UP ONLINE at https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/groups/len-ten-small-groups-2024?enrollment=open_signup%2Crequest_to_join&filter=enrollment

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

TODAY: [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 Potluck Lunch, please bring a dish to share ([see event page](#) for what you are asked to bring). Copies of the [2023 Annual Report](#) are available in print and online.

[February 11th is Deacon Sunday.](#) The Deacons ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Deacons Fund for 2024. The Board of Deacons is empowered by Session and PC(USA) governance to serve the community with compassion as witnesses to "the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress" (G.2.0201).

Per Capita -- Your Stewardship Committee reminds you that [February is Per Capita time](#), and asks members to either (1) contribute their Per Capita payment of \$38.75/member above one's pledge, or (2) [use the online form](#) to request the church "opt out" of paying your share. The church must pay this assessment for all non-responding members (we paid \$20,973 last year). Info about how to support this Presbyterian initiative was recently mailed.

We're Back! Family Dinner and Wednesday Fellowship groups return **Wednesday, Feb. 7**. Family Dinner is for the entire church family not just those with children in Wednesday night groups. Come on out, \$7.00/person. [Please make sure you're registered](#) for Wednesday night groups so we can collect accurate contact information.

[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. Runs through May 19.

[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). **Children:** *Pick up fish banks and Lent-in-a-Box kits for families on Ash Wednesday Feb. 14 or at Sunday School.*

NEW: Inquirers Class -- Are you interested in possibly joining the congregation? The Inquirers Class is for those who want to learn more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The three-part series will be held **Wednesday, Feb. 28** (7:30 pm, please join us for Family Dinner 6-7 pm as our Guest), **Saturday, March 2** (8:30 am-noon), and **Sunday, March 3** to meet with Session. [Register online.](#)

[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. Accept the challenge to bring 3 items each time you come to church for worship, rehearsals, meetings or activities.

COMING: Copies of the 2024 *Lent & Easter Activity Guide* will be available soon and highlight the many worship, education, activities, offerings, devotions and more offered for these holy seasons at FPC Moorestown.

[Attention Actors](#) -- On Maundy Thursday we will be performing the play **At the Table** by Tracy Wells. This play is a collection of monologues and duets that depict the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to The Last Supper through the voices of the disciples and others who encountered Jesus that week. It is told as Jesus and his disciples gather in the upper room for the Passover feast, and fits nicely with our Lenten Theme. Our own Alex Wilkie is directing. We are looking for children and adults who would like to participate as actors. Give it a try! Please contact Wes Allen at wallen@fpcmoorestown.org or 856.235.1688, x101.

NEW: Training and Equipping for "I Will Invite": [Training/Equipping:](#) Love Your Neighbors Crash Course: A course taught by Corinne and Stephen Herman. Sunday evenings at 7:01 pm for exactly 59 minutes every week at 207 Eastbourne Terrace in Moorestown beginning on February 4, 2024. Contact Corinne at (609) 923-8203 or email Corinneherman@gmail.com.