



February 11, 2024 ~ Deacon Sunday; Grow The Kingdom Commitment Sunday

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 #16: Give Cheerfully

Rev. Spencer

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Fughetta No. 5 in F

Rheinberger

*Call to Worship (adapted from Acts 2: 42-46)

Rev. Wes Allen

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

*Hymn No. 77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Lorenzo Eagles

Holy God, we confess we are selfish people. We are so inwardly focused that we often do not consider the needs of those around us. You call us to be generous because You have so generous with us. We are blessing to be a blessing, but we tend to hoard our blessings in fear. We say we trust You for all things, but our lives demonstrate a lack of this type of trust. Help us live generously. Help us consider others. Help us stop living in fear. Through the power of Jesus and with the help of the Holy Spirit we ask these things, Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Eagles

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our shortcomings and need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to pursue the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hanson

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow with ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy throne.
Take my will, take my heart, my life.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet it's treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

Offertory ~ Deacon Sunday

Rev. Allen, Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz



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.

Special envelopes for Deacon Sunday are in the pews. Your support makes a difference.

Offertory Music (from Psalm 23)

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

"The Bird's Song" from Pilgrim's Progress, No. 7

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Tyler Kim, Tenor

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"I Will Give ... from the Heart!"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15: 7-11 (Pew Bible page 171 OT)

Sermon Series: *Grow The Kingdom*

I will give. I financially support the work of FPC Moorestown with intentional, sometimes sacrificial giving.

- Step 1: I regularly give to FPC Moorestown.
- Step 2: I plan to give to special needs or projects.

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

Grow The Kingdom Commitment

Rev. Spencer, Rev. Allen

As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, we invite every member and friend of FPC Moorestown into a covenant with four commitments: I will pray, I will serve, I will invite, I will give. We will walk forward and offer these commitments today. Commitment forms may be found in your worship guides. Please tear off the perforated portion to dedicate.

*Hymn No. 580

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult (see insert)

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Take My Life, That I May Be (Patmos)

Powell

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams)

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Sofia and Nico de la Cruz; **Beadle:** Elder Lorenzo Eagles; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Mueller; Sanctuary **Greeter:** Stephen Minister Philip Jagiela; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Jenna Cole; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum

Worship flowers today are given to the glory of God by Lucille Zitelli in loving memory of her sister Kay Koch.

Volunteers are needed to support the coffee hospitality and Welcome Centers. Please contact the church office if you can periodically assist with these Sunday ministries.

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

TODAY: [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).

[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-1:00 pm), and **Sunday, March 3** to meet with Session. [Register online.](#)

Per Capita -- Your Stewardship Committee reminds you that [February is Per Capita time](#), and asks members to (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). Information about how to support this Presbyterian initiative has been mailed.

[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.*

[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.

We're Back -- Family Dinner and Wednesday Fellowship groups returned **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. There are no Fellowship Groups or Family Dinner on Ash Wednesday (February 14).

Capital Sunday is February 25th

Capital projects are essential for continued maintenance, safety and preservation of our Church. The Annual Report included a list of capital improvements prioritized by the Trustees that require attention in the upcoming years. The anticipated cost for these projects is \$170,000. Because of budgetary restraints no capital funds were budgeted for 2024. Instead, leadership is offering the congregation the chance to give specifically to these projects during a Capital Campaign, which will launch on Capital Sunday February 25th. The purpose of this campaign is to raise the necessary funds for both current and future capital improvement projects. We believe that, by coming together as a congregation, we can ensure the longevity and well-being of our cherished church without encumbering our annual operating budget. Contributions to the Capital Fund can be made conveniently through the online giving portal or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes. Your participation in this campaign will make a significant impact on the preservation, safety and enhancement of our church facilities. See our [Church Center event page](#) for more information.