



February 18, 2024 ~ First Sunday of Lent; The Lord's Supper

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

The Ten Commandments

Way of the Week #17: Show Who You Really Are

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Passion Chorale

Kuhnau

Introit

My Savior Was Betrayed

Hassler

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

My Savior was betrayed, reproach and scorn to meet. My sins the Lord conveyed 'fore Pilate's judgement seat; These, these did Him deliver into the foe's dire hand; I should have felt forever the pangs my Lord sustained.

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 32)

Elder Paul Grossmann

Blessed are those who are authentic before God, who come to God with honesty and humility.

Our sins are not counted against us. Our hearts are free of deceit.

In this congregation, we encourage the practice of confession, to speak freely with Jesus—our Savior.

God is our hiding place, our safe refuge in the storm.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, sisters and brothers in Christ! Sing with all your heart!

God surrounds us with songs of deliverance, God's loving eye is upon us!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

*Hymn No. 221

O Sacred Head

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Grossmann

God of all history and eternity, whom we call upon even now, you are eternal, unchangeable, infinite, and almighty. You are completely wise, just, and good—and the overflowing source of all goodness. We thank you for your covenant, which is never broken, and your love, which is never measurable. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions and our sins are ever before us. Against you, and you alone, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God. Put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and do not take away your Holy Spirit, restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen.

Kyrie

O Lord Have Mercy on Us All

Adult Choir

Moravian

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Grossmann

Anthem

I Am the Living Bread

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

McCabe

I am the living bread which came down from heaven.

If anyone eat of this bread, he shall live forever. Alleluia. - John 6:51

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Eucaristica

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

Joel Krott, Organ

Casals

*Doxology No. 809

“The Welcome Table”**Scripture:** Matthew 9: 9-13 (Pew Bible page 9 NT)**Sermon Series:** *Meeting Jesus at the Table****Hymn No. 783 (Tune 290) – Verse 1**

Here, O My Lord, I See You**Sacrament of Holy Communion**Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We give thanks for your gifts of grace and goodness in this season of Lent. May the gifts on this table nourish us for the long journey ahead. May your Spirit abide with us to transform us to the presence of your risen Son. 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 Communion of God’s People

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn No. 783 (Tune 290) – Verses 4 & 5**

Here, O My Lord, I See You**Music in Preparation for Service**Joel Krott, Organ

Andante

Elmore

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Dick Herman)Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Grossmann; **Communion Elders:** Paul Grossmann, Frank Manion, Melody Ransom, Dave Rebeck, Ginny Weber, Paul Booker; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Deacon 3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** Jean Donahue; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Gail Sorin and Susan Shaffer; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Melissa Corbin; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Diane Samuel; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

Worship flowers today are given by Linda and Philip Jagiela to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Susan Jagiela.

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

NOW: Copies of the [2024 Lent & Easter Activity Guide](#) are available and highlight the many worship, education, activities, offerings, devotions and more offered for these holy seasons.

NEW: Centering Prayer series; Wednesdays in Lent **Feb. 21-March 20** (6:30-7:00 pm); Join Pastor Stuart for an introduction to a form of contemplative prayer known as *centering prayer*. Stuart shares the biblical foundation for this prayer of surrender with direction on how to begin the practice. Classes are just 30 minutes, include a short period for centering prayer, and follow Wednesday's Family Dinner. Meets in the Hayes Room with a Zoom option; see the [Lent and Easter Activity Guide](#) and Church Center event page for Zoom link.

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 due Feb. 29 -- 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.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work finding nominees for Elders (Session), Deacons and Trustees to serve our church and Grow The Kingdom. Discover rewarding and fulfilling opportunities and connect with others in our church family. Please pray about where God might be calling you. You may nominate yourself or someone else you feel would be a good fit for these positions/boards -- [fill out an online nominations form.](#)

Adult Spiritual Formation: 1 Corinthians study (10:15-11:15 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.

Children: Pick up fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing and Lent-in-a-Box kits for families at Sunday School. See *Connections* for more information.

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.

We are looking for donations of candy and small toys for the [Children's Easter Celebration](#) (Saturday, March 23, 10:30 am). Donate candies that are fun size, nut-free and individually wrapped, small toys, stickers or tattoos that will fit in a standard size plastic egg. **Drop off candy and toys at the church office by Tuesday, Feb. 27th.**

Visit our **Grow The Kingdom** webpage: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>. Fill out an online Grow The Kingdom Commitment Form if you did not complete one on February 11.

Capital Sunday Launches 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, of which \$82,00 are high priority. 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. Contributions can be made conveniently through the online giving portal or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes. See our [Church Center event page](#) and your mail for more information.