



February 25, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Lent; Capital 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. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #18: Ask For Help

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Rachel Ferguson, Piano

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Arr. Faye Lopez

Introit

Sawyer McNab, Piano

When I Pray

Ingham

Deep and Wide

Traditional

Primary Choir, with Spontaneous Solos

*Call to Worship

Elder Matt Livingston

I love you, O Lord my strength, for you are my stronghold, my eternal rock.

My God: my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

I will call upon the Lord, and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

For sometimes the waves of sin, pride and death roll over me and I am afraid.

I called upon the Lord in my distress and cried out to God for help. The Lord heard me then and hears us today. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Livingston

*Hymn No. 735

One Race, One Gospel, One Task

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Livingston

Merciful and mighty God, we admit that we have sinned against you with our thoughts, our words, our deeds and our attitudes. We have not loved you by obeying you. We have not loved others either. We are full of pride and arrogance and we admit that to you freely. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and make us the disciples you desire us to be, so that we may delight in doing your will, walking always in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. In the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer as the Kyrie is sung.

Kyrie

Carol Manion, Piano

Kyrie

Merbecke

Vivian Allen, Solo

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Livingston

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Today, we are God's forgiven children. We are free now to forsake our wrongs and love one another. Amen.

Capital Sunday Presentation

Trustee Rich Corbin

Anthem

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Forty Days and Nights

Michael Bedford

Junior Choir; Sawyer McNab, Flute; Melissa McNab and Kathy Gunsallus, Tone Chimes

Forty days and nights He stayed, forty days and nights He prayed,
All alone, yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness.

Jesus went to fast and pray, faced temptation ev'ry day
From God's love He did not stray, may we follow in His way.

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All alone, yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness.

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Offertory Music

Carol Manion, Piano

God So Loved the World

Bill Wolaver

Choristers

Offertory



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*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Dinner Interrupted"

Scripture: Luke 7: 36-50 (Pew Bible page 66 NT)

Sermon Series: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

*Hymn No. 490

What Offering Shall We Give? (Tune 22)

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Jenny Legath)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Sam and Alex Long; **Beadle:** Elder Matt Livingston; **Audio Technician:** Steve Draszcz; **Live Stream Technician:** Matt Miller; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Owen Dietz; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Rich Corbin; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jane Murphy; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Laurie LaMonica; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Coffee Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum*

Worship flowers are given by Jane Murphy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Fisher.

*Volunteers are needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jan Martin if you can periodically assist with this ministry.

[Per Capita due February 29](#)

Your Stewardship Committee reminds you that Per Capita responses are due by **February 29**, and asks members to (1) contribute their Per Capita payment of \$38.75 per 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). *Give online (use Per Capita drop down) or via check.*

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



TODAY: Capital Sunday -- Capital projects are essential for the maintenance, safety and preservation of our Church. The Trustees have developed a list of projects that require attention in the upcoming years for \$170,000, of which \$82,000 are high priority. Because of budgetary restraints no capital funds were budgeted for 2024. Instead, leadership offers the congregation the chance to give to specific projects during a Capital Campaign, which launches TODAY. Contributions can be made conveniently through the online giving portal or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes in the pews or mail. See our [event page](#) and your U.S. mail for more information.

Copies of the [Lent and Easter Activity Guide](#) are available and highlight the many worship, education, activities, offerings and more offered for these holy seasons at FPC Moorestown. Download a copy or pick one up at church.



NEW: Centering Prayer series; Wednesdays in Lent **Feb. 21-March 20** (6:30-7:00 pm); Join Pastor Stuart for an introduction to this 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 30 minutes, include a short period for centering prayer, and follow Wednesday's Family Dinner. Meets in the Hayes Room or via Zoom; See the [Lent and Easter Activity Guide](#) and Church Center event page for Zoom link.

We are collecting 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 at the church office in the bin marked "Candy Donations" by Tuesday, February 27th.**

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.](#)

➤ **Maundy Thursday Drama** – looking for actors and participants to read monologues. Contact Wes Allen or director Alex Wilkie. Come give it a try, we have a spot for you! **Thursday, March 28** at 7:00 pm

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.



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.

PW Winter Gathering rescheduled for Monday, March 11 (10:00 am) -- We will enjoy breakfast treats and a guest speaker. Bring white socks for Christian Caring Center. [Sign up online](#) – see you then! All women of the church are invited and welcome.

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.

Order Easter Flowers February 25, March 3 and March 10 – [see event page](#) or online order form; \$15 each

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